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Westland recall, elected clerk petition committee seeks volunteers

In an effort to take back the government of Westland, and grant the people a voice, we urge anyone disillusioned by the recent Council actions by Griffin, Cox, James and Scott to get involved in the recall election now being organized.

We are beginning with Sharon Scott due to the ridiculous six month rule after an election. This in spite of the fact that Griffin and Cox have sat on the Council for six months.

If you are interested in joining the recall effort, please call 734-729-2805, or contact our website at <http://recallnow2000.homestead.com/RecallNow2000.html>.

There will be several other issues also addressed. The ballot for City Clerk is not dead. The people have more power than they realize! Please get involved. Call now!

If shoe was on other foot, other council members would've fired clerk

After reading and hearing about the recent fiasco in which the former city clerk was fired, it becomes abundantly clear that politics is alive and well in Westland.

Do not think for a second that this is over a poor work record or that it is even about work at all. One's competence or lack of same has no bearing in this matter. It is about whether one's allegiance is aligned with those holding the power or with those who want to hold the power.

Most politicians could trade seats with any other politician and no one would know the difference. The four council members that chose to fire Gibbons did so because they could and because it was to their best political self interest to do so. If the shoe were on the other foot, the same or at least similar manipulations would be attempted by those now complaining.

In deed, politics thrives in Westland.

Caller criticizes Westland city council majority, last meeting

In regard to the Feb. 7 [Westland City Council] meeting: The

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Romulus to vote on charter



Caitlyn Wagner, a fifth grade student at Merriman Elementary School, poses with one of her resource teachers, Erica Swegles, after learning she has won a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. MCN Special Photo

Merriman student wins \$500

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

An energetic Merriman Elementary School student has won a personal \$500 U.S. Savings Bond and a new IBM computer for her school following her involvement in a reading and writing program.

Caitlyn Wagner won the savings bond and will attend the official presentation of the computer at a special school assembly on March 1.

Local students were initially asked to write an essay

on "Getting mail is cool because --" The 18 local winners were identified and each student was given a cardboard mail box.

The overall purpose of the program was to encourage reading and writing, according to Erica Swegles, one of Wagner's resource teachers.

The local winners' essays were sent in for the national drawing. The name of the program was "Mail Mania" and it is sponsored by J.J. Enterprises, who will present to IBM

computer at the assembly.

They also will encourage students to obtain mail boxes, which will have six letters sent to it which students can respond to.

The letters come from various characters generated by the company and it is hoped the students will build up a penpal relationship with one or more of these characters.

The entire process then will result in the students developing his or her reading and writing abilities, company officials said.

Charter school expected to open doors this fall

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Four Romulus City Council members visited a charter school in Jackson on Monday and later voted that it had no control over such a facility opening in Romulus this fall.

Thus Jeff C. Poole, vice president for marketing of National Heritage Academies, told the media after the council meeting that the original K-5th grade school is planning to open this fall for about 350 students -- the same day as Romulus Schools open.

Each year after this an additional grade would be added to the school (with about another 100 students) until it reaches a K-8th grade level, Poole said.

It also was announced that the school -- which is chartered through Grand Valley State University -- will cost about \$4 million in construction costs.

The elementary school will be known as Metro Charter Academy and will be located on 11.47 acres of property on Ecorse Road between Wayne and Henry Ruff roads.

The academy group already operates 22 such elementary schools -- 20 of them in Michigan and two in North Carolina.

One of the key differences between the academy and Ro-

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not the state**

**William Wadsworth
Councilman**

mulus schools is that parents of students are required to make arrangements for their children to get to school each day as there is no bus service available.

In addition no plans for a high school are slated.

Poole said that parent informational meetings will be set up soon in Romulus. While the site of the meetings has not been decided yet, he added, it will be as close to the projected school location as possible.

National Heritage Academies already has submitted a building and site plan with the state Office of Fire and Safety in Lansing.

Four councilmen -- LeRoy

Burcroff, William Crova, Donald Morris, Debbie Romak -- visited the Jackson school site area Monday hours before the council meeting that night.

The issue before the council Monday was simply a special land use approval for the Ecorse Road property.

When it was heard before the city's Planning Commission earlier the vote was two in favor and five against.

Monday night Romak moved that the council had no jurisdiction over the project. The motion was supported by Burcroff and the vote was 5-2 with Councilman William Wadsworth complaining the effort was "a slap in the face for Romulus schools." Mayor pro tem Randy Gear also opposed the motion.

Wadsworth said voting for Romak's motion was "like passing the buck."

"We should have control over such schools...not the state," Wadsworth complained.

Academy officials said they had no problem if a city building official joined state building officials in examining the school building as it is erected.

The academy's building and operation are under the control of the Michigan School Superintendent.

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

In addition to helping select a Republican candidate for President next Tuesday, Romulus residents also will be asked to decide on five changes to the 1970 City Charter.

While most of Romulus City Hall will be closed on Monday -- City Clerk Linda Choate announced her basement office will be open to help any potential voters that day.

Both the front and side doors of City Hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A stairway to the basement and a nearby elevator are nearest the side doorway.

Ironically over 17,000 Romulus residents are now eligible to vote in Tuesday's primary and city charter election.

Choate said the registered voter jump from about 15,000 a year or more ago occurred because of ongoing voter registration drives by area Secretary of State offices.

While six candidates appear on the Republican Presidential ballot -- only three remain as live candidates. They are Tex. Gov. George Bush, Arizona Sen. John McCain and former U.S. ambassador Alan Keyes.

The only Democratic Party candidate listed on the ballot is ironically Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.

Romulus Democrats will be voting in caucus on March 11 at the Dozier Recreation Center in Inkster on whether Michigan should support Vice President Albert Gore or former N.J. Sen. Bill Bradley as their presidential candidate.

Donald J. Trump also is on the ballot for the Reform Party's presidential candidate -- but he too has already

dropped out of the contest.

But in Romulus the key local votes have to do with the following charter issues:

Proposal 1 -- Shall the city charter item entitled "Limitations" be amended from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for the amount of contracts for the performance of any public works which may be entered into by the city without first advertising for sealed bids, provided after the year 2000.

Proposal 2 -- Shall the city charter item entitled "Material Purchases" be amended to increase from \$750 to \$3,000 the amount of any contracts for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus or any other things which may be entered into by the city without first advertising for sealed bids.

Proposal 3 -- Shall the city charter item entitled "Specifications" be amended to increase from \$1,000 to \$4,000 the amount of any improvement contracts which may be entered into by the city without drawings, profiles and estimates being submitted to the City Council and approved by it prior to commencement.

Proposal 4 -- Shall the city charter item dealing with any contracts for any public improvements or for the purchase of material, tools, apparatus or any thing or things which may be entered into by the city without first obtaining approval by a majority of the council.

Proposal 5 Shall the City Charter entitled "Approval of Contracts: Review: Appropriation" be amended to eliminate the requirement that all bids be accompanied by a bid bond of five percent of the bid and replaced with a provision that requires all contracts for public improvements, be accom-

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Romulus council presses action on home rule...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Romulus City Council on Monday night agreed to join the Michigan Municipal League in search of petition signatures for a home rule ballot initiative.

"Big brother is just getting too big and taking away too many local initiatives," local council members complained Monday.

In recent weeks, the council has complained state government is all but eliminating many home rule options...including the latest Monday night involving a charter school development.

Councilman Donald Morris cried out "let's take back our home rule!"

Others urged that the city attempt to get the petitions here before the next environmental

deepwell hearing on Feb. 24 -- so that city residents could begin signing the petitions as soon as possible.

Councilman William Wadsworth stated "I can't believe our state legislators actions. Most of them once served as local council members, etc. Have they forgotten from whence they came?"

The MML has proposed an amendment to the Michigan constitution to require a 2/3 vote of each chamber of the Michigan Legislature on any legislative bill that seeks to restrict the powers and authorities of cities, villages, townships, counties and municipal authorities under home rule.

The MML effort entitled "Let Local Votes Count" needs at least 302,711 registered Michigan voters' signatures to place the amendment on the ballot Nov. 7.

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News from area churches

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Canton church marks anniversary

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Canton Friendship Church -- which marked its second anniversary last month -- is now focusing on emotions during the month of February. Headed by Pastor Michael Norton, the church's message this Sunday will be "Anger: Healthy or Unhealthy."

The Sunday service is held at 10:30 a.m. in the banquet hall at the Summit on the Park. Sunday school classes for those in grades (pre-K to 5th grade) are provided during the hour-long service.

Norton reveals that the congregational attendance is about 180 per Sunday.

The services are best described as friendly with a casual atmosphere and include upbeat music and multi-media presentations.

The church -- affiliated with the United Methodist Churches -- was begun two years ago in an effort to reach the numerous unchurched residents of the greater-Canton area.

Today "we find that over 60 percent of our attendees say that they had no involvement with a church before coming to the Canton Friendship



Pastor Mike Norton

Church," Norton said.

What makes the Sunday services so popular, Norton is often asked.

Quite simply he answers "short sermons."

Others like the informality offered at the church, Norton said, "in fact members and visitors alike are permitted to take their pre-church coffees right into the services. They also seem to be enthusiastic about the church's five-piece band -- used instead of the tra-

ditional classic organ."

For those not-to familiar with the words to current Christian musical favorites, the church also offers the words to the hymns on a large seven by 10 foot screen.

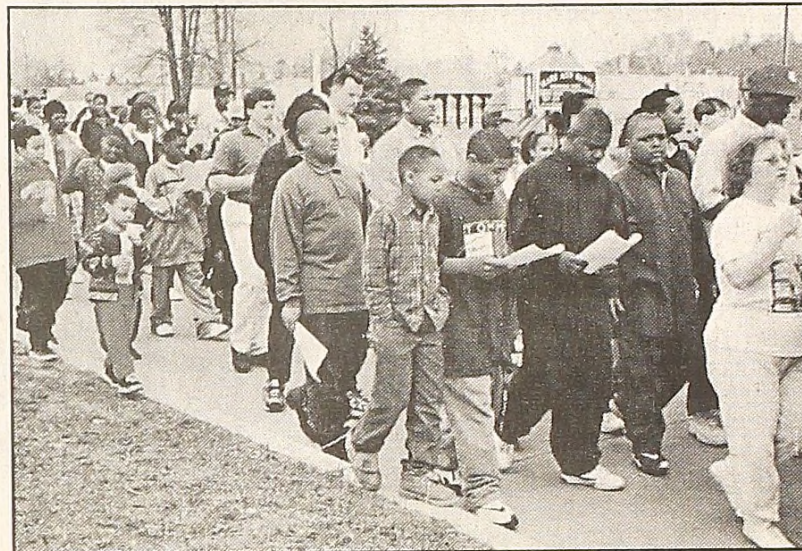
Both singles and families are finding the Canton Friendship Church an open opportunity to build or rebuild

spiritual lives.

As one single woman, Susan Lesti, states "I'm no longer intimidated by religion...and I'm even developing a relationship with Christ."

First time visitors are encouraged to attend the church this weekend.

For more information call Norton at 734-451-2100.



Church will honor Harris, Patterson

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and Crystal Harris, president of the Sumpter Progressive Civic League, will be honored by the Pleasant Valley AME Church of Belleville at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 27.

Patterson will be given the Brotherhood Award for the Year 2000 and Harris will receive the Emancipation Proclamation Award for the Year 2000.

Father John Hagen of the

Trinity Episcopal Church of Belleville will offer the sermon that day.

The program will conclude the Pleasant Valley AME Church's African American Heritage Month.

The theme of the program is "Moving into the 21st Century with Education, Economics and Leadership through Brotherhood."

The program is open to the public. The church is located at 45620 Victoria Ave.

Good Friday planned

Romulus area Christians are once again preparing for a major Lenten procession and service at noon time on April 21. As shown in last year's event, hundreds of hymn-singing residents follow a cross-wielding pastor to the city's Historical Park, where the official Good Friday service is conducted. Photos by Al Post

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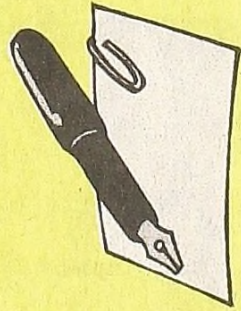
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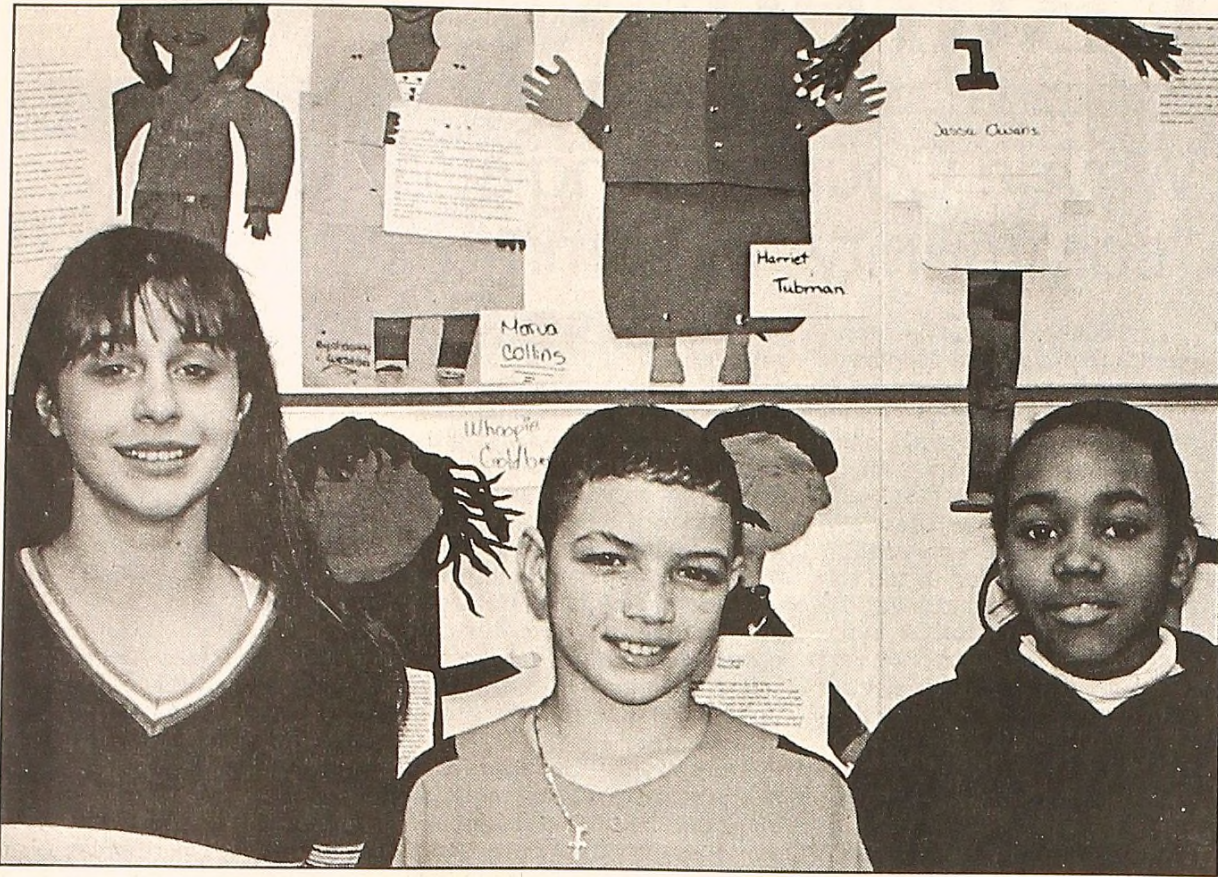
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Wick Elementary School students (from left) Lindsay Beregsasy, John Sandefur and Brittany Hampton are shown with some of sixth grade teacher Tavia Redmond's Black History Month art work. The artwork is currently displayed on the hallway walls at Wick Elementary School. MCN Special Photo

Students research the famous

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Sixth grade students in Tavia Redmond's class at Wick Elementary School recently took time to research famous Black History persons and created projects involving them. Included in the projects were write-ups and drawings of the Black Heroes' likenesses.

Brittany Hampton chose Madame C.J. Walker, who developed a unique hair care product back in 1918 and ultimately became a millionaire.

John Sandefur in turn researched Benjamin Banneker, who invented a striking wooden clock in 1789.

Meanwhile Lindsay Beregsasy wrote about the accomplishments of Victoria's Secret super model, Tyra Banks.

Redmond said she is extremely proud of her students' efforts, since they learned

from their own projects as well as those of others.

The projects are now on display in the hallways of Wick Elementary School.

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people came forth – screaming people, angry people, hurt people.

Some of the words used to describe the people's feelings about the council majority were: "provoking," "disgusting," "an embarrassment to the community," and "shameful."

Other things said were: "The council and President Trav Griffin abused their power"; "They're not above the law"; "You'll answer to the people"; "It's called recall, and you're on the Titanic"; and "Democracy is dead in the city of Westland"

I'm disturbed that Griffin keeps changing the reasons that Pat Gibbons was fired. He still doesn't answer direct questions with direct answers.

EDS hearing set Feb. 24

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Environmental Disposal Systems Inc. will outline their current hazardous waste storage proposal for the Citrin Drive project at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Romulus High School auditorium.

The meeting, the latest in the string of public hearings before the Michigan Hazardous Waste Site Review Board, promises to be major one.

Doug Wicklund, president of EDS, said the firm is looking forward to answering comments pressed by the city of Romulus in previous meetings. This meeting like others is

listed as a 7 to 10 p.m. time frame, but could like the January meeting continue much longer than the 10 p.m. deadline because of the pressing overall deadline of April 11 – the date the site review board is to make its recommendations on the site plan to the State Department of Environmental Quality.

In a bid to make up for the

shortage of time, the Site Review Board has already set up two meetings instead of one for March.

Those meetings are slated for March 9 and 21.

Following those sessions the DEQ has set a final public meeting for themselves sometime in May, with plans to make its final decision on the hazardous waste storage plan sometime in June.

Vote

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panied by a performance and material bond in the amount of the contract.

Mayor William Oakley -- who was on the City Charter team that created the original price list -- is urging that the charter changes be made to set Year 2000 values on such listings.

ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

As part of a Public Housing Drug Elimination Program grant, the Romulus Housing Commission is requesting proposals from service groups and organizations, to provide the following on site services and activities for residents in the public housing community:

Licensed Counseling
Tutoring
Computer Learning
Youth Sports Activities

Interested parties may obtain proposal packages from the office of the Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, Monday through Friday, between the hours at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Proposals must be received in the office of the Commission, no later than March 20, 2000, by 1:00 p.m. EST.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 24, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda Choate, CMC Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 10, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to amend Resolution 99-418 by deleting the requirement that "an agreement from the Romulus Secretary of State office must be obtained authority use of its parking lot" and to add the following phrase to Resolution 99-418 "an agreement from the property owner must be obtained authorizing use of the Secretary of State's office parking lot located at 36608 Goddard Road.

The amended resolution is as follows:

Resolution 99-418 as amended

Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the Special Use Approval for PC-062-09-99 to Larry Goodman for hall rentals located at 11114 Sterling in a C-2 (General Business) zoned district, subject to the recommendations of the City Planner, City Engineer, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and the Police Department. Further, the second floor cannot be used by the public, however it must be made structurally sound, a certificate of occupancy must be issued, and an agreement from the property owner must be obtained authorizing use of the Secretary of State's office parking lot located at 36608 Goddard Road. The petitioner will have one (1) year to comply with the above conditions or special land use approval will become null and void.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to grant final plat approval for the Commons Subdivision located on a 28.27 acre parcel on the east side of Hannan Road between Ecorse and Wick Roads.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth, in accordance with Section 31-13 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, and pursuant to a petition signed by more than fifty percent (50%) of the owners of property on Sidney Street between Wayne Road and Grant Road a special assessment District #00-42 is established for the purpose of installing six (6) street lights (Detroit Edison Agreement #99-240193). Payment of the cost of such improvement shall be borne by the property owners within the district based on the special assessment roll dated October 27, 1999 presented by City Assessor William D. Griffin. A copy of the roll in its entirety is on file in the City Assessor's office and the office of the City Clerk.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth is adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Father Richard G. Thompson of St. Aloysius Church.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Laura Vazquez.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported to Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak,

Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 781, a bill that would terminate ownership of the water and wastewater systems currently operated by the Detroit Water & Sewage Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5B. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to approve the Downriver Wastewater System Monitoring Program Agreement being established for the allocation and monitoring meter flows supplement to the consent judgment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C. Motion by Morris, supported by Prybyla to award Bid 99-28 to Americal Appraisal Associates in the amount of \$15,000.00 to conduct a complete and accurate fixed asset equipment and building appraisal.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99-64 to Red Holman Pontiac, GMC in the amount of \$18,475.00 for the purchase of a one (1) ton cargo van

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99-65 to Red Holman Pontiac GMC int he amount of \$15,868.00 for the purchase of one 2 Wheel Drive 1/2 Ton Pickup Truck.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to award Bid 99-71 to Etna Supply Company in the amount of \$4,425.00 for the purchase of five (5) Magnetic Locators.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5G. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to reappoint William Newman and David Hatten to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire on December 31, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5H. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to reappoint Ron Nash, Michael Hoffman, Matthew Raitary and Phil Renke to the Tax Increment Finance Authority with terms to expire on November 30, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5I. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to introduce Budget Amendment 99/00-15 as follows:

FUND/DEPT ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
LOCAL STREETS FUND			
Revenues			
203-000.00-565.000	Environmental Date Dev Project Grant	0 22,500	22,500
203-000.00-566.000	Storm Water Management Grant	0 18,250	18,250
203-000.00-567.000	Storm Water General Permit Act Grant	0 32,680	32,680
Expenditures			
203-463.00-853.565	Environmental Data Dev Project Grant	0 45,000	45,000
203-463.00-853.566	Storm Water Management Grant	0 36,5000	36,5000
203-463.00-853.567	Storm Water General Permit	0 65,359	65,359

FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE AMENDED
LOCAL STREETS FUND 301,456 73,429 228,027

To appropriate city match for Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grants

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to approve the request to terminate a farmland agreement with Delores and William Wilson, 13240 Inkster Road,

pursuant to Public Act 116 of 1974 dated August 6, 1992 on land identified as DP#s: 097-01-0019-000, 097-01-0020-000, 097-01-0021-000, 097-01-0022-000, 097-01-0027-000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2a. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and award Bid 99-70 excess City owned property as follows:

Award to Laurel Park Development whose bid is \$10,000 per lot the following 42 lots:

013-02-0047-000; 0048-300; 0048-301; 0049-300; 0050-300; 0180-000; 0181-000; 0200-000; 0201; 0202; 0203; 0204; 0205; 0206; 0207; 0220; 0221; 0228; 0229; 0230; 0231; 0234; 0235; 0266; 0278; 0279; 0280; 0281; 0282; 0288; 0289; 0290; 0291; 0292; 0297; 0298; 0299; 0300; 0301; 0302; 0367-300; 0367-301.

Award to Romulus Community Baptist Church whose bid is \$12,775 per lot: 013-02-0199-300; 013-02-0199-301

Award to Charlotte Bush whose bid is \$11,500 per lot: 013-02-0208-000

and to deny all other bids.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2b. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and award to Thomas Maycock excess City owned property as follows:

Award 020-01-0094-0000 \$3,000

and to deny the following as being below market value:
044-01-0167-300 \$4,000
017-99-0018-000 \$4,000

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to schedule the following budget sessions for the purpose of discussing the Fiscal Year 2000/2001 budget:

DATE	TIME	ITEM
April 3, 2000	6:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop Session
April 10, 2000	6:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop Session
May 1, 2000	6:30 p.m.	Public Hearing

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A4. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the attendance of elected officials at the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference in Lansing, Michigan on March 29, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A5. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution declaring March 4, 2000 as Constitution Day in the City of Romulus.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Animously.

6A6. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the second reading of Chapter 2, Article VI, Departments introduced at the meeting of January 10, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of Warrant 00-02 in the grand total amount of Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty Four Dollar and Thirty Cents (\$788,734.30).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None. Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

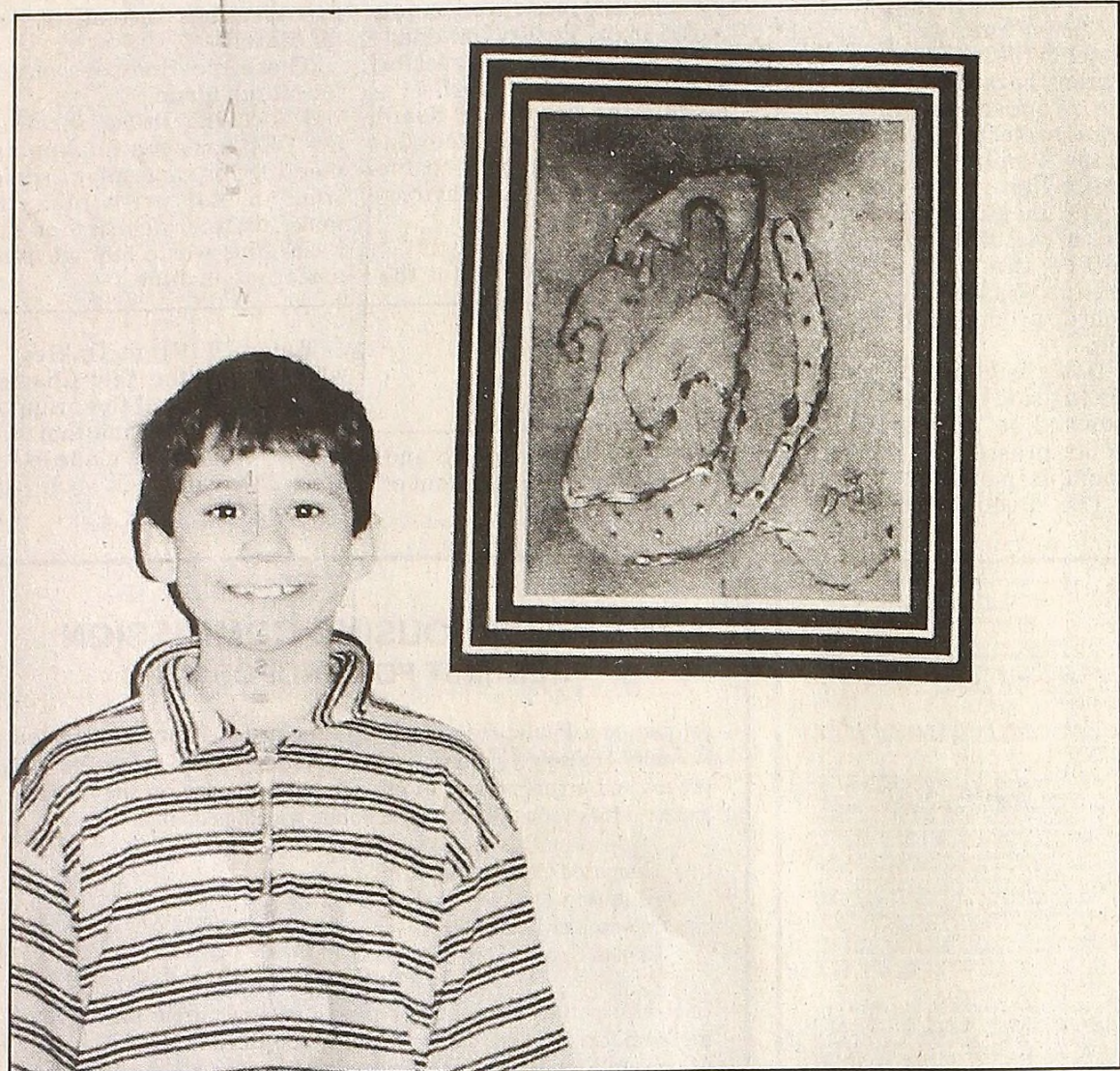
Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 24, 2000.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: February 17, 2000



Artist of the week

Tommy Kozak, in Mrs. Sala's third grade class, was named Artist of the Week at Tyler Elementary School in Belleville. Students in Brie Stosick's art classes studied abstract art and Kandisky and the Blue Rider Period, which served as inspiration for Kozak.

Museum to host quilt show

A month-long quilt show featuring a variety of antique and contemporary quilts is planned for the Belleville Area Museum in March. Sponsored in cooperation with the Western Wayne County Quilting Guild, the show will be held in recognition of National Quilting Month and also National Quilting Day, which falls on March 18 this year.

The Year 2000 Quilt Show will showcase a variety of contemporary quilts loaned by local quilters, as well as quilt shops and guilds. Antique quilts contributed by members of the Belleville Area Historical Society will also be on exhibit. Approximately 100 pieces will be displayed throughout the museum. The quilts will be on display

from March 1 through March 31 during regular museum hours. The museum, located at 405 Main Street in Belleville, is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Museum admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

If you wish to place a quilt in the Year 2000 Quilt Show, please call the museum at (734) 697-1944.

Ask Dudley: "Multi-PC"

Personal computers are changing how we work, play and communicate. From balancing the checkbook to e-mailing family photos to playing the latest 3-D games, PCs are enhancing our quality of life. It's no surprise that those new to personal computers have many questions about their PCs and how to tap their full potential. In this column, the team behind Dell Computer Corp.'s on-line animated support tool, Ask Dudley, addresses computing issues and answers common questions.

As the number of homes with more than one computer rapidly rises, "multi-PC" families are discovering great advantages to connecting all of the computers in the house as a network. Through networking, users can share a printer, software, files, games, Internet connections and more. And with the availability of inexpensive, easy-to-install home networking technology, there aren't many reasons not to network computers in the home.

If you're an "un-networked" multi-PC home, or considering

the purchase of a new PC, this month's column may help you determine if networking is the right step for you and your family. There are so many advantages to networking PCs in the home that in many cases, it can be impractical not to do it. The most attractive advantage may be that it enables multiple people in the house to access the Internet simultaneously without needing or tying up multiple phone lines. No more waiting in line to surf the Net.

With networked PCs, users can share peripherals like printers, eliminating the need to buy one for each PC. And users can share software, files and documents, which can be a considerable cost savings and added convenience.

Networking also adds a new dimension to gaming. Multiple players can battle each other from opposite ends of the house or even play against other gamers at the same time over the Internet.

There's more good news: no new wires are needed. Networking can be done right over the ex-

isting telephone lines in a home without interrupting regular phone service. And as high-speed Internet connection technology such as DSL (digital subscriber line) and cable modems continue to become available, network users can get rich Internet content at high speeds.

Until a couple of years ago, networking was mainly used by businesses, but that's changing as the number of multi-PC families explodes into the millions and technology becomes more consumer friendly.

Businesses have traditionally used a fast, reliable technology called "Ethernet." While Ethernet is making its way into the home environment, it usually requires additional wiring. For that reason, many consumers turn to networking kits that are aimed at home users and require no new wires.

All you need is more than one computer, a phone line and a networking kit designed for desktop PCs. Today, there are many networking kits to choose from, many of which feature setup "wizards."

Wayne County ruling stresses the "community" in community college

Last Friday, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Amy Hathaway ruled the Henry Ford Community College's (HFCC) attempt to build and operate a career and technical center in Woodhaven, Mich., four miles south of Wayne County Community College District's Downriver Campus is unlawful.

Based on a motion by the college for declaratory judgment, the judge's ruling went further in the decision that the Dearborn-based community college could not operate outside of its defined school district.

WCCCD filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court shortly after public notice of a \$6 million award from the then Michigan Jobs Commission to HFCC to construct a career-technical center in WCCCD's district. WCCCD serves an area composed of 32 cities and townships in Wayne County, excluding Highland Park, Dearborn, Livonia, Garden City and parts of Canton Township.

At the time that WCCCD filed the suit, former Western Campus (Belleville) Provost Paul Loeber said if HFCC were permitted to deviate from their district, the outcome would be "the end of the community college system as we know it."

Current Provost Marjorie Oliver agreed, adding such a decision would have had serious implications for the Belleville campus, as well as WCCCD's downriver campus.

The college, led by Chancellor Curtis L. Ivery based its case on the Michigan Community College Act of 1965 which governs the activities of all 28 community colleges in the state. The Act constrains community colleges from constructing and operating vocational-technical centers outside their own service area. The determination of HFCC to build such a facility was viewed as a clear and intentional violation of the public act.

The awarding of this grant made news as the first attempt in the nation by a community college to encroach upon the sovereign territory of a neighboring in-

stitution. After public protests and the filing of the lawsuit, HFCC administrators asserted there was no violation of the Community College Act. As part of the Dearborn School System, officials stated that they were not a community college as defined by statute and therefore not limited to operating within their district.

In her ruling, Judge Hathaway made clear that whether as a community college or as a public school system, HFCC could not operate outside of their school district.

Ivery stated, "The judge's decision supports our contention all along that HFCC could not build and operate within our district. This case has national implications and impacts how we make the most efficient use of public resources in this state. Judge Hathaway has sustained the intent of

the legislature when the Community College Act was passed and in its revisions since 1965. Based on the merits of the case, we were confident that a decision in our favor would be reached."

But not so fast, said Oliver. She said the precedent-setting case certainly upheld the current laws, but added HFCC could appeal the ruling.

When asked what happens now, Ivery remarked, "Now is a time for us to go forward, working together with Henry Ford Community College to do what this community asks of us. To educate students, train skilled workers, and provide opportunities for all in our region. Our Downriver Campus is the third largest in our system with the potential to grow. We will do our best to make that happen."

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There will be a disc jockey, organized basketball and volleyball games for students and their parents, along with "open" gym activities. Pizza and pop will be sold in the cafeteria. All family members are encouraged to enjoy this special event.

Family Fun Night will be tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Wilcox names Rita Bedell MCN assistant publisher

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Rita Bedell, a veteran classified department executive and general manager of the *Michigan Community Newspapers*, has been promoted to assistant publisher by MCN Publisher Michael Wilcox.

Wilcox made the announcement Monday morning at a staff coffee hour, stating that Bedell had been acting in the same position without title for the past few months.

"I feel Rita is up to the challenge as the MCN seeks to grow in the various communities it serves," Wilcox added.

"On a personal basis, Rita has increased her annual classified sales totals in recent years with that portion of the newspaper showing the biggest growth here," Wilcox added.

"She has been eager to take on any responsibilities we



Danielle Fisher

Students cited on deans list

Various local students attending top colleges have been cited on dean's lists at their schools.

Yolanda Buffington of Romulus was named to the dean's list at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jessica K. Villanueva of Canton was named to the dean's list at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. She is studying in the College of Liberal Arts.

James King of Canton and **Cinnamon Dixon** were named to the dean's list at Ball State University of Muncie, Ind.

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I feel Rita is up to the challenge as the MCN seeks to grow in the various communities it serves.

have placed on her and I'm sure she can improve all aspects of the newspaper," Wilcox concluded.

Bedell has worked at the MCN for the last six years, starting as a classified representative and then proceeding to classified manager, assistant general manager, general manager and now assistant publisher.

She earlier attended Ro-

Romulus grad named 'Sailor of the Day'

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Danielle N. Fisher - currently serving aboard aircraft carrier USS John S. Stennis - was recently named "Sailor of the Day."

Fisher, 22, whose maiden name is Franklin, graduated from Romulus High School in 1995.

She and 14,000 other U.S. service members recently acted out a war scenario against fictitious enemies that occupied lands named Green and Orange - that are actually parts of California.

Fisher, who is the daughter of Sharon Clarke, serves as a hull maintenance technician and helps maintain the integrity of the massive ship's metal structures.

The USS John S. Stennis is a very impressive ship as it spans 1,092 feet long (about three football fields) and rises 244 feet above the keel (24 stories).

Top volunteer honored

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Alisha Schrader, a sixth grader at Stevenson Middle School of Westland, has been named recipient of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3323's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award.

Her letters of recommendation list "responsible behavior, leadership abilities and dedication" as key elements in her lifestyle.

Young Schrader has earned numerous citizenship and academic awards, completed a DARE program, served as a safety patrol member and girl scout and is an active JR Citizen member.

mulus schools and graduated from Huron High School in New Boston.

Bedell has since moved back to Romulus with her husband, Doug.

She said increased sales will remain one of her immediate goals, as she continues to motivate newspaper office employees.

"Everyone here seems to enjoy coming to work each day,"

It's important to the U.S. Navy to present a major force wherever trouble might exist.

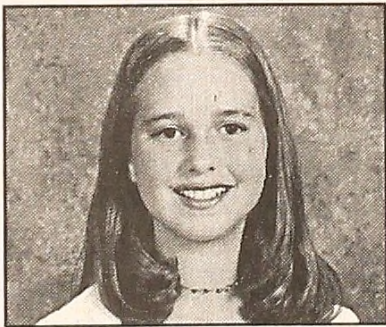
Danielle N. Fisher

To be a member of the USS Stennis staff has to be one of the Navy's best - as it often is deployed to hostile regions.

"It's important for the U.S. Navy to present a major force wherever trouble might exist," Fisher said.

Fisher also was instrumental in a recent JTFEX exercise that served as a "graduation" for the Stennis team and now she is deployed to the Western Pacific area...namely Hong Kong.

Last week her mother received a letter from Fisher's commanding officer, informing



Alisha Schrader

The honor student will receive a U.S. Savings Bond from the VFW Auxiliary and "is a great candidate" for the statewide competition, Marlene Doran, Auxiliary Youth Activities Youth Activities chairperson.



Rita Bedell

Bedell said, "and I want them to enjoy their work experience even more."

Bedell added "I want to make sure the employees here are not afraid to come to me with any problem they have, as I will be here for everyone."

The Bedells enjoy family camping -- particularly in western Michigan -- as well as four-wheeling.

They also enjoy traveling to Florida.

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Inkster has no choice, Edison provides way out

We knew it would come to this. Inkster Schools is faced with a decision. Charter schools have decimated the once proud school district. Only ten years ago there were 3000 students attending Inkster Schools. Now there are less than half of that and a deficit of 1.9 million dollars.

Frankly, we expected Governor Engler to step in long before this. Like he did in Detroit, we thought Engler might hand over the schools to former mayor, Ed Bivens. When it didn't happen, we kind of expected Wayne-Westland would be actively pursuing annexation or merger. That has happened.

But now faced with the likelihood of those two options, Inkster School Board members have ingeniously come up with a third. They plan to lease their school district to a school management company, most likely the former Detroit School Superintendent Debbie McGriff's Edison Project.

If all the i's are dotted and the t's crossed, this would be the first time in the State of Michigan, that an entire school district has been leased to a private concern. Actually it has happened only once in the entire country. That was 1993-97, when the 60,000 student Minneapolis school district was run privately. But in order to save their identity, Inkster has little choice but to do just this.

In exchange for getting the opportunity to operate the school district the Edison Project has guaranteed to pay off the \$1.9 million debt and promises each student their own laptop computer that they can use at home. In her presentation, McGriff stated Edison will invest \$4.5 million into the school system. In addition she has enticed board members, by unconditionally claiming Edison will double enrollment in five years.

Pretty tall words for an organization that knows little about Inkster. The Edison Project has experience. They run several schools in many states including Michigan. But to take on a whole school district - that's new at least for Michigan.

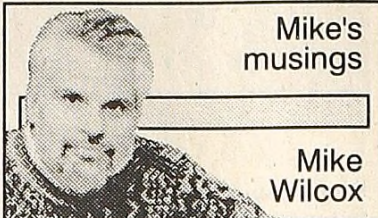
And Edison doesn't come without its detractors. Long-time Inkster columnist for MCN, Tom Mooradian says he has been inundated with phone calls from very important people that say Edison is not all that they make themselves out to be. The gist of most of the calls is that the company only is concerned with the bottom line, and could care less about it's students and teachers.

Three management companies made proposals to Inkster, but all board members came away declaring Edison the best. They have a good track record with schools in Pontiac, Mt. Clemens, Lansing and Flint.

It is now up to the school board to see that they have a good track record in Inkster. Lets get their promises down on paper and make sure they are kept. Let's see that they have the ability to pay the district's debt off. And let's make sure that the district's 1500 students receive their individual computers.

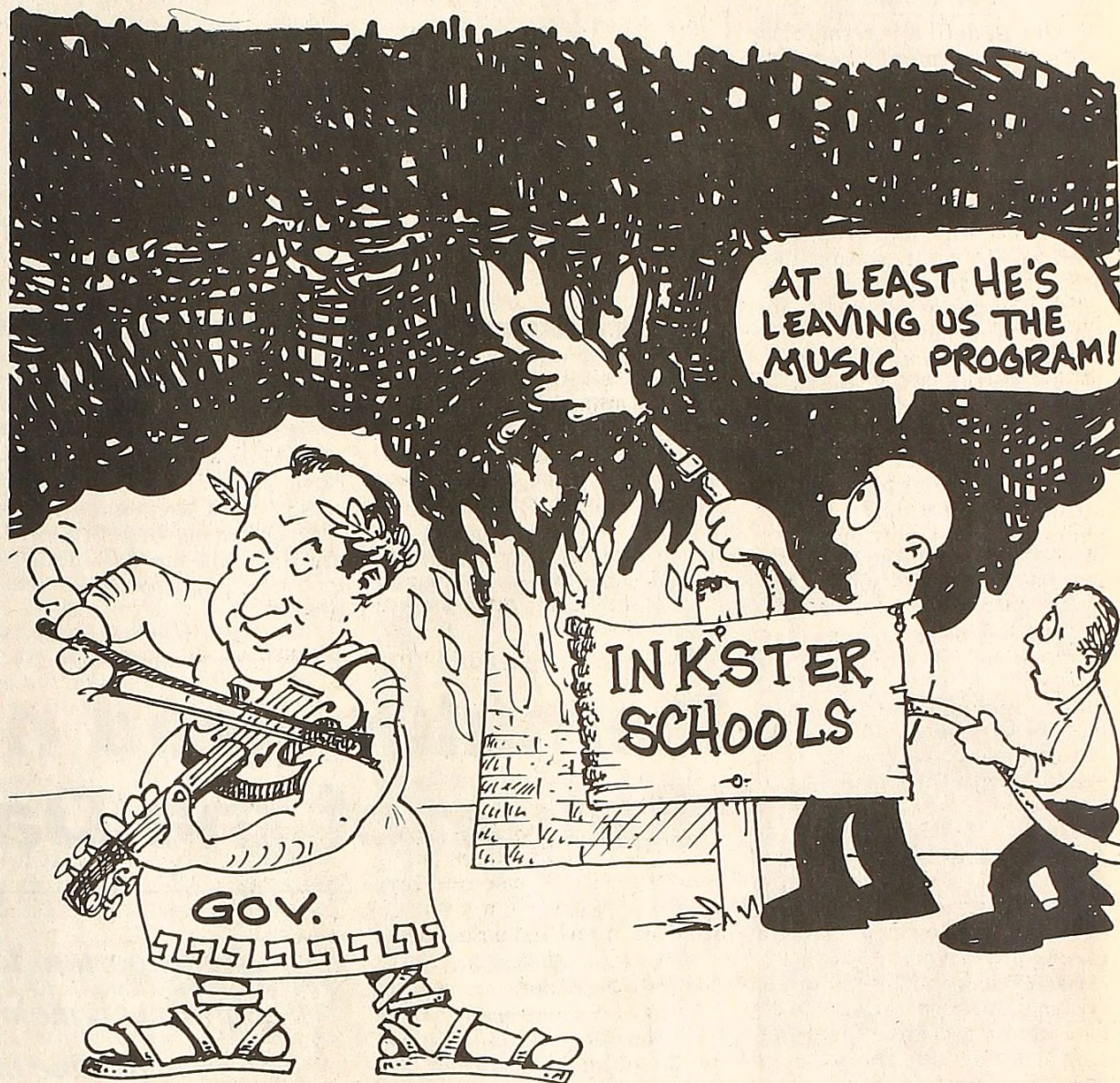
Inkster has little choice. If we want to maintain our own identity then this appears to be the only way out. Eventually the state will step in, and when they do, Inkster will be carved up like the Thanksgiving Day turkey, only instead of relatives receiving their share, it will be divided between Wayne-Westland, Taylor and Westwood school districts.

None of us want that to happen. Inkster is a proud city that once boasted a terrific school system. I fear for the city, if that school system dies. I applaud the school board for making this extremely bold move to privatize the school system. Now let's all work together to bring those students back that left for charter schools.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Former criminals shouldn't guard kids

Honor students Niraj Patel and Nick Stonerook were the latest victims of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' "zero tolerance" policy.

The Board of Education permanently suspended the pair for buying and sharing some fermented spirits during the National Honor Society's recent excursion to Chicago.

With one swipe of the pen, the board wiped out the two students' years of scholastic excellence and participation in school activities.

Under the district's "zero tolerance" policy, high school students sharing beer, booze, or a glass of wine are subject to expulsion, which is a little worse than permanent suspension because expelled students have great difficulty enrolling in other schools, while other schools accept suspended students.

In a previous column, I pointed out that "zero tolerance" policing had been abandoned by its creator, former New York City Police Chief William Bratton, because it harmed too many innocent citizens. (Bratton prefers selective enforcement, which targets the bad guys, not the good guys, such as honor students. Using selective enforcement, Boston police reduced crime at an astonishingly fast rate, significantly brought down the number of police brutality charges, and diminished expensive court-ordered payoffs to victims of "zero tolerance.")

Since then, accusations of rape against a former district security guard have revealed that the dis-



Ivan Helfman

trict's "zero tolerance" policy is not only ineffective but hypocritical: The district doesn't apply "zero tolerance" to employees.

Though throwing the book at two honor students for drinking, at worse a victimless crime, it ignored former security guard Terry Barnhart's 1994 conviction for a violent crime, assaulting an Adrian woman in 1994.

That was 100 percent tolerated by the district.

"We knew about the 1994 misdemeanor," "We discussed the issue with the employee and we investigated it and learned it was a scuffle between two men. His record showed no previous convictions," explained new Superintendent Kathryn Booher, who had nothing to do with the hiring, despite her use of the pronoun "we."

Subsequently, the 35th District Court put him on probation for prowling.

That appears to have also been 100 percent tolerated by the district, though Booher, who was running Berkely schools at the time, said, "We were not notified of the 1999 issue."

Meanwhile, according to statements by witnesses, two years ago Barnhart befriended some 15-year-old girls at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, let them smoke on school grounds and let them leave the campus for

lunch. Soon Barnhart was welcoming the girls to his Geddes Road home, according to witnesses. At the home, he spent time with a 15-year-old girl in his bedroom, resulting in a rape charge that Barnhart's lawyer denies.

Obviously the district would not have hired Barnhart under a inclusively applied "zero tolerance" policy.

But under the district's double standard, the district welcomed Barnhart.

"We are thorough in our hiring process," said Booher. "This individual underwent psychological testing, and a comprehensive background check."

If an individual convicted of a violent crime can be hired after a psychological test and background check, why can't two National Honor Society students who shared their booze be psychologically tested, given a background check, and reinstated in school?

I'd prefer that the district follows Chief Bratton's lead and drops "zero tolerance" policies, but that's probably not in the cards with the present board.

However, it's possible that the board can stop tolerating the hiring of people convicted of violent crimes to guard or teach or counsel students. If the board is determined to hire ex-convicts, hire them to make sandwiches or ring the bells.

Also, since the district's policy of hiring people convicted of crimes has been exposed, the district needs to quickly update the public about any convicted felons currently working with students.

Romulus voters have an extra set of reasons to turn out...

With more than 17,000 registered voters signed up for the Feb. 22 primary vote - Romulus city officials need to spread out a large and vocal welcome mat at local precincts to win an impressive approval for five rather uncontroversial charter issues.

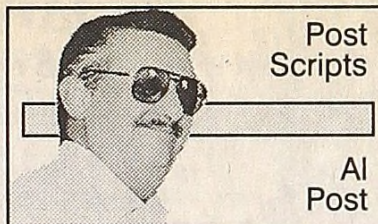
While the city of Romulus undoubtedly is saving money by attaching their charter questions to a basically GOP Presidential Primary - some council members are nervous about how that will affect the potential turnout next Tuesday.

After losing a previous battle on a city recreation facility, council members became more concerned when no one appeared at a special 6:30 p.m. "chat session" on Monday.

Thus elected officials are wondering if the public cares - and if they will bother to vote on the city issues if they don't care who wins the GOP contest.

The first four charter change proposals on the printed ballot deal mostly with outdated dollar amounts dealing with city contracts - and are simply raising the 1970 dollar levels to the new Year 2000 rates, according to city officials.

The fifth proposal if approved by voters would "eliminate the re-



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quirement that all bids be accompanied by a bond amounting to five percent of the bid and be replaced with a provision that requires all contracts for public improvements to be accompanied by a performance and material bond in the amount of the contract."

Eliminating the bid bond is being supported by all seven council members -- with Councilman William Crova being the most vocal on the issue.

"Bid bonds are costing the city of Romulus money," Crova insists - as many potential bidders are not doing so because of the cost of tying up company money.

Meanwhile Romulus Republicans are being asked to support any of the three "live" presidential candidates: namely Texas Gov. George Bush, Arizona Sen. John McCain or former U.S. Ambassador Alan Keyes.

Three original candidates -- Gary Bauer, Steve Forbes and Orrin Hatch - will still be on the bal-

lot, but have already dropped out of the presidential battle.

With low voter support to date Keyes is also a possible dropout prior to the Feb. 22 Primary date here.

The only Democrat on the ballot that day will be Lyndon LaRouche Jr.

Donald Trump also is on the primary ballot, but has dropped out of the contest as a Reform Party presidential candidate.

The real test for state Democrats favoring either Vice President Al Gore or former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley will come at state caucuses on March 11.

Next Tuesday night poll watchers will be pontificating no matter what the results locally or statewide.

One major possibility for local Democrats - is similar to the buy one...get one free concept. They can stop by and vote on the charter issues and also vote in the GOP contest (as a Republican for a day). They can even embarrass Gov. John Engler if they want and vote for McCain.

Then they can go to the Dozier Recreation Center on March 11 and vote for their favorite Democratic presidential candidate.

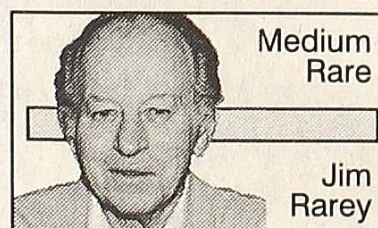
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Instead, they gave us a constitutional republic in which unalienable rights were spelled out (in the Bill of Rights) which government at any level could not take away regardless of the wishes of a tyrannical, if temporary, majority. The laws were to apply to everyone, including the politicians and lawmakers.



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

Unfortunately, we are living at a time in which we are dangerously close to becoming a democracy. At all levels of government we see politicians trampling on the peoples' rights, ignoring laws as if they don't apply to themselves, and generally claiming unlimited power simply because they got a majority of the vote in the last election.

The firing of the City Clerk in Westland, Michigan, by a newly

elected majority in the City Council, is a prime example of this arrogance of power. It is generally believed the firing was in retaliation for the City Clerk's whistle blowing on the use of city assets for political campaign purposes by two of the incumbent council candidates. If that is true (the use of city property) it is not only a violation of campaign laws, it is a violation of the City charter (Section 4.18) and also constitutes misappropriation (embezzlement) of city property.

Other laws may have been violated in the process of retaliating against the City Clerk; the state's Open Meetings Act and the City Charter requirement (Section 7.1) that all official council actions be done either by resolution or ordinance. Either action

must be taken in an open meeting. The clerk was suspended and her keys were taken away before the council had taken any official action. Unless there is an ordinance that gives the council president the authority to take unilateral action against the clerk (who the City Charter put under the council), that action was unauthorized and a violation of the City Charter.

In other times, these violations of law and public trust would have been considered misconduct in office, grounds for immediate removal from office. No recall election would have been necessary. But then the perpetrators got a majority vote in the last election, didn't they? Welcome to democracy in action.



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Don't let local governments block tax reform

To the Editor:

Every homeowner in Michigan has a constitutional right to have his or her house assessed for property tax purposes at an amount not to exceed 50% of fair market value. This same constitutional safeguard applies to business property owners. For over 20 years, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce has been a leader in Michigan's tax limitation effort, fighting for tax relief for individuals and job providers. The purpose of this letter is to alert your readers to recent and troubling developments in southeast Michigan that threaten a fundamental principle of tax fairness for all property owners.

In Michigan, both real property (land and buildings) and personal property (business equipment, machinery, and furnishings) are subject to the property tax. For over 30 years state government allowed local assessors to use increasingly out-of-state depreciation tables to set the value of personal property. This practice resulted in the widespread over-assessment of business property in violation of the State Constitution.

In 1997, state government started a process to right this wrong. The Governor and the Legislature agreed to spend \$600,000 to allow the State Tax Commission to hire a nationally-recognized consulting firm to study the problem and recommend an entirely new set of depreciation tables for all business personal property. Both business and local government had the opportunity to participate in the property tax reform process conducted by the State Tax Commission. The reform process was fair, open, the subject of many public meetings, and a focus of legislative oversight. At the local level, assessors and taxpayers also had the opportunity to participate in the process.

In December 1999, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and some other local politicians decided to use tax dollars to file a frivolous lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court. The lawsuit asks the court to issue an injunction to prevent the State Tax Commission from using new depreciation tables that would result in more fair and accurate property tax assessments for gas and electric utility companies. For 106 years, Section 114 of the General Property Tax Act has clearly stated, "No injunction shall issue to stay the proceedings for assessment or collection of taxes under this act." This wasteful lawsuit is a classic example of taxpayer-funded lawsuit abuse. These county officials are obviously more concerned about maintaining current levels of property tax revenue than in complying with constitutional and statutory standards for property taxation.

This effort to block property tax reform must be stopped now, before it spreads. Today, it's energy companies that are being over-assessed. Tomorrow,

it will be other businesses. If state government allows business property owners to be taxed unfairly, homeowners may be next.

Sincerely,
E. James Barrett
President and CEO
Chamber of Commerce

Reader thanks Post for recalling 'innocent Freds'

To the Editor:

I wish to commend your columnist, Al Post, for having the fortitude to address one of the most important issues facing the American people at this time. Of course I am writing about all the innocent Freds and Friedas who will miss their graduations in June 2000, because of unnecessary abortions.

Mr. Post's column of Thursday, February 3, gave me much food for thought. Not only will thousands of innocent babies, (that's what I call them) miss their graduation, but our country will be deprived of many musicians, teachers, scientists and, of course, doctors. All because of the profiteering abortion industry.

I would like to remind your readers that another vote is expected in the spring, on the crucial, partial-birth abortion ban. Twice now, in 1996 and in 1998, the U.S. House and Senate have voted to ban this gruesome procedure. Our President, William J. Clinton has vetoed the bans.

In partial-birth abortion the baby is just 2 1/2 inches from birth, and he or she, innocent as they are, are deprived of everyone's most precious possession, life.

I implore your readers to write our representatives and senators and ask them to vote pro-life and to ban partial-birth abortion for all time.

Again, I thank Al Post for bringing this to the attention of your readers.

Very sincerely,
Simonne Lada

Michigan has health care deficit

To the Editor:

An average of three hospitals close their doors in Michigan every year. The state has 120 federally-designated "health profession shortage" areas - where medical services are difficult or impossible to access. Doctors and children's advocates even have gone to court charging that the state has failed to meet its responsibility to fund health services for 800,000 low-income kids.

The health care situation in Michigan is bad and growing worse-even though the state is enjoying record prosperity and a \$405 million budget surplus.

We have a world class health care system in Michigan that is withering on the vine. Our health care system is not healthy. It is a sick patient badly in need of a cure.

Our House Democratic Health Task Force found that community hospitals are losing millions of dollars each year, primarily because the re-

imbursement rate for Medicaid services has not been increased since 1991. These financial losses have led to thousands of job cuts, reduction or elimination of outpatient services, and hospital closures.

What we're seeing in Michigan is an entire health care system sliding slowly into bankruptcy. If the state and federal governments don't pay the bills they owe our health providers, hospitals and physicians have no choice but to cut services across the board - and not just for the poor.

The task force also focused on access to health care - finding that health insurance is the single most important factor in determining whether or not people gain access.

Uninsured adults rarely seek preventive services like physical exams or cancer screenings, and end up seeking costly emergency room services when they get desperate. Lack of insurance is especially hard on our kids. More than 90 percent of Detroit's children are either Medicaid eligible or uninsured.

To address the problem of uninsured children, the state must do a better job of implementing two of its own initiatives - MICHild and School Based Health Centers. MICHild has enrolled only 10,000 of about 150,000 eligible chil-

dren. And the Michigan Department of Community Health has opened only 22 of its planned 100 school based health centers.

The task force also focused on the cost of prescription drugs and its effect on health insurance costs. The United States has the highest prescription drug prices in the world, with the most popular medications costing up to four times as much in the U.S. as they do in other industrialized nations. With taxpayers financing the prescription drug costs of low-income people served by Medicaid, the task force recommends that the state seek cooperative partnerships with other states to pool public resources in order to finance prescription costs more effectively.

Finally, the task force explored the crisis situations surrounding dental and oral health care for lower-income families.

If we want our children to be healthy and our families to be secure heading into the future, then we need to repair our health care system while prosperity gives us the opportunity.

Sincerely,
Rep. Samuel "Buzz" Thomas,
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There are other uses of implants, such as supports for complete dentures. In the coming weeks, look for more information on implants from Newburgh Heights Dental.



Matthew Schaub, DDS

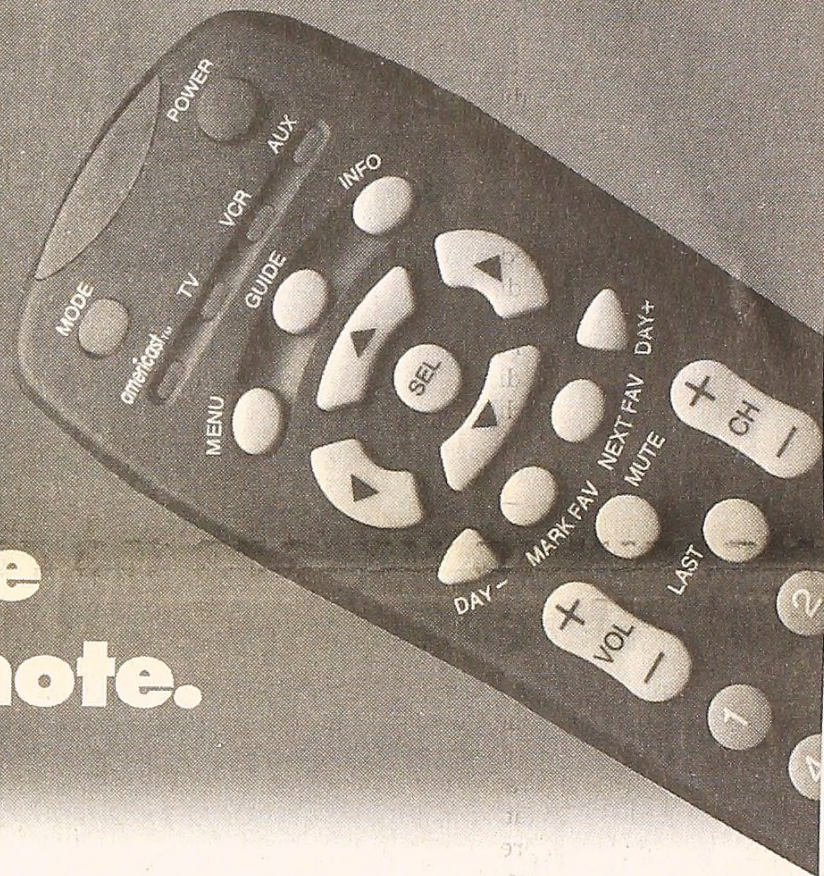
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Community, children minded educator is named sorority's 'Woman of Year'

By MAUDE REID
MCN Special Writer

A local sorority has selected its "Woman of the Year".

The sorority, the Inkster Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, introduced the honoree and other recipients of its Zeta's Finer Womanhood 2000 awards at a celebration program last month.

The winners of the awards this year included Addie Faulk, who was named as the Woman of the Year; Nicole Taylor Brown, and Beverly Jordan, Zetas of the Year, and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ballard, who are the group's Family of the Year.

Participating in the program were past Women of the Year awards' winners: Patsy Herbert, Leanna Hicks, Jessie Shelby, and the Rev. and Mrs. William Taylor. Tracey Massey introduced each honoree.

Faulk has had an outstanding career as an educator. She is a former member of the Inkster School Board.

Awarded a Bachelors of Science Degree from Alabama State University after majoring in Elementary Education and a minor in Art and Special Studies, Faulk added a Masters of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University and also took courses from Wayne State, Michigan State and DePaul (Chicago).

Faulk has taught in the classroom on the elementary level in LaGrange, George and in Bessemer, Alabama.

While teaching, she was very active in the community, developing program and linking them with service organizations.

Faulk came north and worked in the Westwood School District where she served on both the Curriculum Council Board and the Wayne County Reading Council where she became the building representative and treasurer for the Westwood Education Association and a member of both the Executive Board and the MEA.

Taking on the position of facilitator for the Westwood and Livonia School Districts provided Faulk, she says, with valuable experience such as chairing Black History programs, including the observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program.

"My interest in educational endeavors found me assisting with various school functions, such as tutoring special needs and gifted students, and other special school projects in the field of arts and crafts," Faulk added.

Faulk is a charter member of the Zeta Nu Zeta chapter of Inkster. Since joining the sorority, she has held several of-

fices of first vice president, secretary, and treasurer. She presently serves as parliamentarian.

She also served as Archonette Youth Advisor which triggered an intensive involvement in community ventures, specifically, reaching out to boys and girls to emphasize academics, community and civic achievements.

Working with the children of the community inspired Faulk to establish the sorority's "Outstanding Youth of the Year Award".

Faulk also is very active in other organizations. She is a past and/or present member of the YWCA, Friends of the Library, National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Alabama State University Alumni Club, Michigan Education Association, National Education Association, the American Cancer Society and a host of others.

Active in her church, Faulk is a member of the St. James United Methodist Church in the city of Westland, where she is also a member of the Sanctuary and Gospel choirs. She serves on a score of committees including the United Methodist Women, Finance Chairperson; Financial Secretary; Treasurer and co-chairperson for the Children's Ministry. She is actively involved in Christian Education, Witness Outreach, sanctuary/



Addie Faulk

mortgage fund, parking lot and secretary for Club 15.

Faulk also has received several other prestigious awards from the city of Inkster, Wayne County, the Westwood School District and Allen Jr. High School.

Widow of the late James H. Faulk, Faulk has three sons, two of whom - James Howard III and Styron Howard - have passed. Derek is an educator and is employed by the Detroit Public Schools. She also is the proud grandmother of two adorable grandchildren, Christian and Lydia.

"It is an honor to receive such a prestigious award from such an outstanding organization," Faulk added.

Sorority sponsors forum

"Forging into the New Century" was the theme for the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. foundation's joint celebration.

Brother Peter Adams, National President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and Dr. Barbara W. Carpenter, Inkster Grand Basileus of Zeta Phi

Beta Sorority, Inc., were among the guest speakers.

The Inkster chapter was represented at the celebration by Mary Lester, Odessa Robinson, Addie Faulk, Tracey Massey, Selenia Robinson, Carmen Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Nicole Taylor Brown, Patricia Owens, Octavia Trone, Thalla Arnold, Linda Allen and Thena Smith.

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Summerfest 2000 seeks volunteers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Summerfest 2000 committee is seeking a few good men and women.

Ruth E. Williams, chairperson of the gala summer program, said that the committee is working to make this year's Summerfest program even bigger than last year's.

"We're always in need of help, and those who wish to join should get in touch with me."

Williams also said that the committee is continuing to raise funds for the summer project. There is an on-going fundraiser at a Dearborn restaurant, which will return a part of the proceeds to the group.

And if you want to enjoy an excellent meal and help the

Year 2000 Summerfest Committee prepare for the gala summer program, read on:

"We would like everybody to come out to support this cause, and enjoy a special meal at the same time," said Ruth E. Williams, chairperson for Inkster Summerfest.

Williams said that the committee is hosting a rib and chicken dinner at the Westpoint Restaurant, located at 25301 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

The fundraiser is scheduled for the entire month of February and the price is \$15 per person.

"These tickets must be used between Feb. 1 through Feb. 29," Williams stressed.

For more information, contact Williams, Glenda or Sandra at 734/728-7530.

Chamber to hear health choices

The Inkster Chamber of Commerce will hear all about "health choices" when chamber members meet for their meeting on Feb. 21 at the Floyd B. Simmons Multi-Purpose Center.

The center is located at 29150 Carlisle Avenue. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m.

Trunetta Roach, who represents the Wayne County Health Choices program, will be the

keynote speaker.

Chamber members also should take note that there will be elections held March 20 at 6 p.m. and nominations for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and board of trustees are presently being accepted.

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ROMULUS HIGH REUNION for the class of 1970 is slated for Aug. 26, 2000. For more information call Gail (Howie) Curaba at 734-697-1763, Roy and Cathy (Miank) Szyndlar at 734-699-3139 or Jim Wagner at 734-699-9050.

INKSTER TEEN HEALTH CENTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL meets at 9:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the center located at 29193 Beech St. in Inkster. Contact person is Eunice Johnson at 734-729-8336.

FREE TAX HELP FROM THE IRS Pamela Roberson of the IRS will assist patrons with their income tax forms at the Romulus Public Library from noon to 4 p.m. on Feb. 5 and every other Saturday. Her expertise centers on child care credits, credits for the elderly and earned income credits. Roberson will help patrons on a first come/first serve basis.

FIGURE DRAWING SESSIONS draw from a live model



DARE luncheon helpers

Culinary arts students at Romulus Middle School recently helped prepare a luncheon that honored officials of the Thrifty Car Rental Dealers for their generosity in supporting local DARE programs. Shown in the front row are Anthony Watt, Tim Docherty and Vincent Mingo. In the rear are Eric Wood, Crystal Maycock, Police Chief Charles Kirby and Betty Santo, Middle School Life Management teacher. MCN Special Photo

(no instructor) at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Shelton Rd. in Plymouth. Purchase a package of all four sessions for \$28 (third Friday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17 and May 19. Single session cost is \$9 with no registration necessary. For more information call Betty Calhoun or Patti Delapaz at 734-416-4278.

WESTERN WAYNE AA MEETINGS are held at noon and 6 p.m. every day at 36726 Goddard Road in Romulus. All Anon meetings are conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. On Saturdays open talk and pot lucks are conducted. For more information call Bill M. at 734-229-9436.

BELLEVILLE HIGH 20TH YEAR REUNION for the Class of 1980 will be conducted on

Sept. 16, 2000. For more information or to update your address call Sandra Sienko Lenox at (248) 647-5307, John Losen at 313-520-4720 or Ena Lynette Weathers at 734-485-2455. Or mail information to the BHS Class of 1980, P.O. Box 1980, Belleville, MI. 48112.

THINK TRIM, BE TRIM, STAY TRIM all day seminar will be offered at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Program is headed by Lorraine Stefano, ACSW, founder of Think Trim. Cost is \$62. To register call Focus on Women Program at 313-845-9629.

ABRAHAM TO SPEAK The Canton Economic Club Luncheon will feature U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham. The luncheon is slated for noon Feb. 18 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Cost is \$15 for a Canton Chamber of Commerce member and \$20

Call 734-453-4040.

RIVERS COFFEE HOUR is slated for 2:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in Sumpter Township at the Tin Pan Saloon at 19350 Sumpter Road. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to stop by. Call Deborah Johnson at 734-485-3741 for more information.

CARMEN HARLAN ROAST as a cancer benefit is slated for 6 p.m. March 4 at the Roostertail Supper Club in Detroit. Silent auction begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and the roast of the Channel 4 Anchor Woman at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$100. Call 1-800-527-6266.

SPORTS CARD SHOWS are slated March 3, 4 and 5 at the Gibraltar Trade Center, Inc. at 15525 Racho Road in Taylor. Show hours are from noon to 9 p.m. on March 3, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 4 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 5. For details call 34-287-2000.

Romulus Rotary Club offers scholarships

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Five scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are now being offered to the Romulus High School Class of 2000 by the Romulus Rotary Club.

Student's applications will be evaluated on grades, school activity and community involvements.

Written applications should be addressed to the Romulus Rotary Club, P.O. Box 74485, Romulus MI. 48174-0485.

The scholarships include: Dr. Elmer Goerke Scholarship, Edward Baum Scholarship and Romulus Rotary Scholarship, all for \$1,000; and the Vocational Scholarship and the Nappo Family Culinary Scholarship, both for \$500.

BRIDAL SHOWS are slated March 24, 25 and 26 at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor. Shows are from noon to 9 p.m. March 24, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 25 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 26. For details call 734-287-2000.

WESTLAND CHAMBER JOBS FAIR is slated from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29 at the Westland Shopping Center.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED now

through March 20 for Madonna University's 2000-2001 academic year. Applications may be obtained by calling 734-432-5663.

HEALTH CARE POLICY IN AMERICA U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-13th Dist.) is hosting a forum on health care at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building Room 101, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. in Ann Arbor. For more information call 734-485-3741.

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Area libraries get \$10,825...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus and Inkster Public Libraries and the Wayne County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped each received \$10,825 to expand their internet services for patrons.

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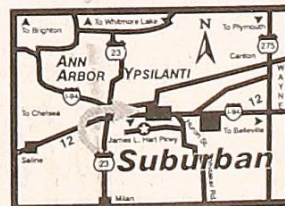
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Win-or lose-Romulus has lock on title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Frontrunning Romulus can afford to lose their next two games and still wind up with a share of the Mega Conference Red Division basketball championship.

But don't think that coach Guy DelGiudice and the Eagles are planning on losing or giving away anything to their opponents. They covet the conference championship.

Although Romulus has a two-

game cushion over its nearest opponent, Belleville - the two arch-rivals were scheduled to meet Tuesday night- DelGiudice's Eagles need the victory and also must beat Willow Run Friday night to clinch the title outright.

Losing to both opponents would jeopardize their title status.

Romulus received some unexpected help from Willow Run. The Flyers upset Belleville, 69-53, leaving coach Rod Fisher's club in limbo, hanging on to second

place.

"We need the next two to win the title outright," said DelGiudice on Sunday. "And we face two tough opponents in Belleville and Willow Run. And both have never been easy wins."

The Eagles stayed atop of the Mega Red with a 53-46 victory over Ypsilanti Friday night. They crushed Inkster, 82-42, last Tuesday.

The battle at Ypsi was fierce and physical and went right down to the final 2 1/2 minutes when

back to back baskets by pivotman Chris Garwood and Byron Cole broke the game open.

Up to that point, it was anyone's ball game. The Eagles had a 11-10 edge after the first quarter and increased the margin to 27-23 at halftime. The Braves managed to pull within one, 35-34, of tying the game after three, but Romulus outscored its hosts, 18-12, in the last eight minutes to clinch the crucial game.

Ypsi, double and at times triple-teaming Romulus's prolific

scorer, Kevin Thomas, managed to hold one of the area's top scorers to three points. But focusing upon Thomas proved costly for Ypsi - it opened the gates for Cole, Garwood and Deon Solomon, who picked up the slack.

Cole scored a game-high 20 points to go along with his seven rebounds. Garwood sank 11 points and Solomon also finished with 11, including a three-pointer in the final minutes that sent a message to the Braves There

would be no upset Friday night.

Jason Bird continued to lead the Braves. He tossed in a team high 14 points.

In the lopsided victory over Inkster, Cole turned in with a game high 18 points while Thomas and Garwood each accounted for 14. Two others - John Penn (13) and Raymond Moss (13) each hit in double figures.

Inkster got 12 points from Alphonso Clark.

3 take aim for Lakes hoop title

Monroe Robichaud cross path

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

For Robichaud, it comes down to the final game of the Mega Conference White Division season.

If coach Monte Dennard and the Bulldogs want any part of the divisional title they will have to take it away from league-leader, Monroe.

Robichaud earned the right to challenge Monroe for a share of the championships - thanks to two impressive victories over Highland Park and Dearborn last week.

The two wins boosted Robichaud's conference record to 7-3, one victory off the divisional leader's pace. Monroe began the final week of regular league competition with an 8-2 record. However, both teams were scheduled to play Tuesday night. A Robichaud loss at the hands of Taylor Kennedy and a Monroe victory would seal Robichaud's fate.

One who will not speculate - or even discuss upcoming games - coach Dennard on Sunday said that his team's objective was to prepare for the Taylor Kennedy game, "after that we will take a look at what we have to do to stop Monroe."

For what it's worth, Robichaud will have the home court advantage for the Friday night title bout between the two contenders.

With 6-5 senior forward Chris Walker continuing to lead the team, Robichaud avenged one of its earlier losses, turning back a tough Highland Park team, 63-54, Friday night.

Walker was unstoppable at both ends of the court as he pumped in 33 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and blocked two shots in a game that went down to the final minutes before it was decided.

The Bulldogs were up 17-13 after the first period, but the Parkers closed to one, 27-26, as Marcus Gardner found the range for seven of his team high 14 points.

After both teams put 12 points on the board in the third period, Robichaud came back and outscored their visitors 23-15 to seal the 63-54 victory.

Walker, who had a 38-point game earlier in the season, was joined in the double digit scoring column by Ronald McGrew, who had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

On Tuesday, Robichaud beat



No doubting Thomas

Romulus's Kevin Thomas (30) completes his "dunk", seconds before Wayne Memorial's airborne Gary Johnson's attempt to block. The two teams find themselves on the opposite ends of the Mega Conference, Red Division standings. Romulus leads the league going into the final week of regular play, while Wayne has moved from the bottom of the pack to the middle with victories over Inkster and Willow Run last week. Photo by Brown's Special Events.

Nowak's last shot beats winless Inkster, 41-39

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster came within seconds of snapping its 10-game losing streak and presenting first-year coach Bo Dukes his first basketball win as Viking coach.

But it wasn't to be.

Wayne's Shane Nowak grabbed a rebound tapped to him by teammate Justin Goins and released the ball from the key that landed in the net gave host, Wayne, a 41-39 Mega Conference Red Division victory.

Thirteen seconds before Nowak's decisive basket, Inkster's 6-8 center James Swanigan had an opportunity to give the visitors the lead.

Swanigan scored on a follow up that tied the score and was fouled in the process.

The senior center stepped to the line after a Wayne time out, and missed the free throw. Wayne got the rebound and the last shot. Although the three-point attempt was off the rim, Justin Goins managed to direct the loose ball toward Nowak who immediately released the ball from the key.

"We are very fortunate to have won this game," said Wayne coach Chuck Henry. "When a game is decided by a last shot, you know it could have gone any way."

We are very fortunate to have won this game

CHUCK HENRY

Henry also pointed out that the teams didn't shoot well in the first half. The Vikings scored only one point the first eight minutes, while Wayne collected eight. Wayne held a 16-10 advantage was a 16-10 game at halftime.

Inkster came alive after the half as Swanigan and Alphonso Clark made their moves. The Vikings pulled within one, 27-26, for three periods but never managed to get the lead.

Nowak scored a game high 17 points, while Swanigan and Clark each tallied 12 for the Vikings, who made seven of 14 from the free throw line.

Wayne sank eight of 12 from the charity stripe.

Wayne turned in one of its finest overall performances of the season against Willow Run on

Tuesday. Willow Run upset Belleville's title plans on Friday, 69-53.

With Gary Johnson scoring a career high 26 points, and Nowak contributing 17 points, Wayne shot down the Flyers, 61-51.

The Mega Conference, Red Division game was up for grabs until late in the fourth quarter when Johnson and Nowak hit key baskets to give the hosts some breathing room.

Up to then, no team had more than a four-point lead. Wayne was out in front 15-13 and 28-25 after the first two periods, but the Flyers came back on baskets by Garrick Mason and Vince Billup to take a slim 37-36 lead at the end of the third.

With the help of Johnson's 11 points, Wayne outscored its visitors 25-14 in the last eight minutes. Mason and Billup each scored 12 points for the Flyers who were on target with 11 of 17 free throws as compared to Wayne's 11 of 16.

Wayne visited Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday night for an out-of-conference game. Henry and the Zebras wrap up the conference's regular season Friday night at Belleville.

Belleville lost to the Zebras earlier this year and will be out to avenge that setback.

Still-in-the-chase Salem, Central clash

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Despite a setback Friday night at the hands of North Farmington, Plymouth-Salem remains in the chase for a share of the Western Lakes, Lakes Division conference basketball championship.

But coach Bob Brodie and the Rocks will have to find a way to get past Walled Lake Central in their final game of the regular season if they want a cut of the title. Salem was at Walled Lake Western, the conference leader, Tuesday night. The game with Central is scheduled for Friday.

"We have three teams presently tied for first in our division," said Brodie, after the Rocks dropped a close 48-44 decision to North Farmington. "We have a good chance of getting a share of our division, but we will have to beat Central for it."

Salem, North and Farmington are presently in a three-way tie for first in the Lakes.

Although they were always within striking distance, Salem never managed to take the lead away from North. North took an early 13-8 advantage, held on 22-20 at intermission before they increased the margin to 34-30 for three periods.

With 30 seconds left and down by two, Salem had an opportunity to tie and go ahead but missed a three-point attempt that was partially blocked.

North was fouled in the scramble and Phil Watka sank two free

Salem, North and Farmington are presently in a three-way tie for first in the Lakes.

throws for the final points.

Salem's Matt McCaffrey had a rare game. Of the Rocks' seven free throw opportunities, the 6-8 forward was awarded all seven and made them. He and teammate Ryan Cook each scored a team high 13 points for the game. Andy Kocoloski finished with 12.

Salem - like most of the conference - had its problems stopping Emir Medunjamin, a 6-8 who tossed in a game high 23 points. North, which made nine of 13 free throws, also received 10 points from Watka.

Salem also got by Northville, one of the teams that has caused the Rocks problems in recent years. After trailing 16-12, the Rocks rallied in the second period and outscored their nemesis 25-10 to take command, 37-26 at the half. Salem went on to win 65-55.

McCaffrey, averaging 10 rebounds per game, snagged 12 and also contributed 13 points in a losing cause. Kocoloski checked in with 11 points while Scotty Discher finished with 10.

Northville got a game-high 21 points from Aaron Redder.

Canton rises again

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton is right where coach Danny Young wants the Chiefs to be - in the thick of the Western Lakes, Western Division title race.

After hanging on to a 71-63 overtime victory over a much-improved Livonia Churchill team and a surprisingly easy win over Walled Lake Central (61-46), the Chiefs have galloped into the division's title picture.

And Friday night they can cut themselves a share of the Western Division crown if they can stop a team that only one other team has beaten in the conference - Walled Lake Western.

"Western is tough. They are a team that likes to trap and change defenses on you. They are a very defense-minded squad," said

Young. "We're going over there Friday night, and playing on their home court makes the job even tougher."

If Canton pulls off the upset, the Chiefs, who are 3-1 in the Western Division, will earn a share of the title. They stayed in contention by outscoring Churchill 9-1 in the OT.

Churchill's top scorer, John Bennett, forced the issue into the OT when he hit a three-pointer as time ran out.

Canton dominated the overtime, 9-1, as Ken Nether and Dan McClain each scored baskets and the Chiefs also sank five of nine at the free throw line.

Up 21-15 after the first period as center Jason Waidmann pumped in 11 of his game high 24 points and Nether sank eight,

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Cook to succeed Woodson as Romulus head coach

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wade Cook will have a tough act to follow. He was named last week to succeed Mark Woodson as head football coach at Romulus High School.

Woodson guided the Eagles to back-to-back Mega Conference championships in 1998 and 1999 and also two consecutive post-season playoff appearances.

"He (Cook) knows and has helped build our program," said Jesse Meriweather, Romulus High Athletic Director in announcing the appointment.

"Coach Cook has been a member of the coaching staff for several years."

Cook and Woodson also attended the same high school - Robichaud, in the Westwood School District in Dearborn Heights - and both played for and are coaching proteges of Robert Yauck, a coaching icon and also a member of the Michigan Hall of Fame.

Among Yauck's alumni is All-American running back Tyrone Wheatley.

Wheatley, who went on to rewrite the record book at the University of Michigan, signed with the New York Giants after

completing his collegiate career, and is presently with the Raiders.

The 34-year-old Cook has coached for the past 13 years. This will be his first head coaching job.

"I am looking forward to the challenge," said Cook, in a telephone interview last week. "Mark and I have come up through the ranks together and working and being one of his associates has been a great experience."

"I hated to see him go, but it's an opportunity that you don't want to let slip by."

Woodson has signed on as an

assistant football coach at Eastern Michigan University.

Cook also is an All-Area Football and Track Alumnus who played for Ferris State before he transferred to Eastern Michigan. In 1986 he was invited by coach Yauck to join the staff and at Robichaud and says he was elated at the opportunity.

When Woodson got the position at Romulus, Cook said he joined the Eagles.

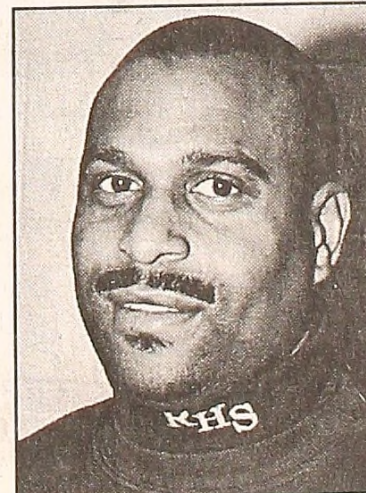
"There won't be many changes because Mark and I think alike. There is no substitute for hard work," said Cook. "But our work here is going to be cut out for us because you

don't lose a coach of Mark's caliber and think you're not going to have some problems."

Cook will have the coaching services of Shelby Johnson, Steve Robinson and Mercer Bryson, who were also Woodson's assistant coaches.

A Behavioral Science specialist at Cory Elementary School in the Romulus Community School, Cook will begin rebuilding immediately.

"We have some excellent talent here, but we lost 23 players to graduation," Cook noted. "Staff and I will be looking to fill those vacant positions."



Wade Cook

Signs of Spring WYA signs up for baseball

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

There may be snow on the ground and the temperatures don't seem to want to go above the 30-degree range, but that all will be forgotten and be left in the past this summer when the Wayne Baseball Association umpires shout: "Play ball!"

Before the season begins, however, potential players must sign up and participate in camps.

The Wayne Baseball Association is seeking ball players for several of its leagues.

WYA will conduct registration for the upcoming season on Feb. 22 and 29, along with March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Prospective players may sign up between the hours of 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

WYA officials note that registration is open to residents and non-residents alike. Players also must have a copy of their birth certificate at the time of registration addition to registration fees, players are expected to sell a case of candy (per family) or pay an additional \$45 per family.

The fees also include a baseball uniform which, incidentally, players may keep after the season ends.

Here are the programs (and registration fees) for the divisions that WYA plans to field this season:

Shetland, ages 4 to 6, registration fee is \$15 per player; Pinto, \$15 (7-8); Mustang, \$25 (8-10); Bronco, \$25 (11-12); Pony, \$35 (13-14); Colt, \$35 (15-16) and Palomino, \$45 (17-18).

For further information, please call the W.B.A. at 734/722-6400.

Pocock cards his 100th victory as Canton, Farmington tie at 36

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton senior captain John Pocock carded his 100th high school career wrestling victory as the Chiefs were forced to settle for a tie against Farmington in a Western Lakes Conference dual meet last week.

Pocock's milestone victory came at 5:58 of the match when officials stopped the combat due to an injury to Farmington's James Clarahan.

After Pocock's victory, Plymouth-Canton coach John Demick said: "That's a lot of wins for anybody. Years ago, when I wrestled, we only had about 75 matches total for a high school year. John's record of 100-20 over four years isn't over yet."

Pocock presently boasts an impressive 35-4 won-lost record.

"He's a natural leader and his work ethic raises the tempo of the whole wrestling room. We are very proud of him."

That the fans and the Chiefs support their captain was reflected with their shouts of encouragement when Pocock held his oppo-

nent on his back. The crowds shouted "100...100."

Canton was not as enthused, however, with the final results of the evening. Farmington worked its way up from a 21-point deficit and pulled off the rare tie at 36.

Each team managed to win seven bouts and had five matches that were six-point matches.

"We let Farmington stall out on three of the lower weight matches and they picked up some quick pins in the upper weights that threw the score out. You always hope the law of averages will kick

in when some of the calls don't go your way, but it seems everything was against us today.

Canton received outstanding performances from Rob Schnettler, who pinned his 96-pound rival in 1:17; Kevin Rodriguez took all of 56 seconds to register a fall in the 125 pound class.

"We will do a better job staying off our backs in the future. Farmington played it smart and made it work this time," said Demick.

Here are the results of the Plymouth-Canton, 36, Farmington, 36:

103 - Rob Schnettler (PC) pinned Kevin Ostranger (F), 1:17
112 - Brad Kreger (PC) won on a void
119 - Jon Simmons (F) dec. Doy Demick (PC), 4-2
125 - Kevin Rodriguez (PC) pinned Josh Woods (F), 0:56
130 - Chris Hosey (PC) dec. Haion Turk (F), 8-1
135 - Greg Musser (PC) dec. Nick Rameriz (F), 7-1
140 - Tom Mahon (F) pinned Mike Siegrist (PC), 1:51
145 - John Pocock (PC) pinned James Clarahan (F), 5:58
152 - Mark Ostach (F) dec. Scott McKee (PC), 9-4
160 - Mike Murland (F) pinned Rajae Shahein (PC), 1:19
171 - Ben Lucas (F) pinned Derek Miller (PC), 2:19
189 - Phil Rothwell (PC) won on a void
215 - Kule Domagalski (F) pinned Ozzie Wagner (PC), 0:42
HYW - Brian Brinsden (F) pinned Derek McWatt (PC), 2:21

WYAA registration continues

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Officials at the Westland Youth Athletic Association announced this week that they are continuing their registration for its spring baseball and softball seasons.

Players, ages four to 18 are welcomed to sign up for WYAA leagues. Competition is divided into age groups.

Registration will be accepted between the hours of 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays at the Lange

Compound, located on Farmington Road.

Parents or guardians who need more information are urged to contact WYAA publicist, Keith DeMolay, who can be located at 734/722-1251.

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Romulus's defense, led by John Wester (50), has Belleville's multi-talented athlete, Kevin Harrison(r) bottled up in the play above. Romulus won the first meeting of the two Mega Conference Red Division teams and Tuesday night was the rematch. If Belleville can come away with a "W", the Tigers will remain in the running for a share of the championship; a loss would give the Eagles their first-ever Mega-Red basketball crown. Photo by Brown's Special Events.

Northville wins Western Lakes wrestling title

With nearly a dozen points to spare, Northville edged out Walled Lake Western on Saturday to win the Western Lakes Conference Wrestling Team Championship.

The Colts galloped to the title with 204.5 points, while Western was runner-up with 193. In third place was Livonia Stevenson (186.5).

Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton followed the front runners. Coach Ron Kruger's Rocks had 177, while coach John Demsick's Chiefs placed fifth with 142. The field also included Farmington (135), Livonia Churchill (112), Livonia Franklin (100), Walled Lake Central (94), Westland John Glenn (86), North Farmington (35) and Farmington Hills Harrison (8).

Canton went into the conference championships without two of their key wrestlers - captains Kyle Pitt (14-1) and Joe Faraone (23-7) who were on the sidelines nursing injuries.

Pitt had a temporary sprain and Faraone is out for the season because of a hand injury which required surgery last week.

Though the Chiefs were understaffed, they still managed to place up a notch over last year.

"We worked so hard in practice and our practice is so limited that many of those that came out didn't stay with us, so we are not so deep and can't replace everyone," said coach Demsick. "Those who did stay are really tough kids. They are also quite special, but we are still hurting when we lose people we depend on in our lineup."

There were some exceptional bouts. John Pocock, seeded third, clashed with Salem's Josh Henderson, second-seed, and managed to edge his arch rival, 4-3.

Also, fifth-seeded Scott McKee managed to pin Mark Ostach, who came into the championship as the third seed. Ostach, representing Farmington, had beaten the Canton grappler in their three previous encounters.

Derek McWatt, third seeded, pinned Farmington's second-seeded Brian Brinsden, a wrestler who had pinned him twice this year.

Pocock (140), Phil Rothwell (189), and McWatt (heavyweight) all picked up silver medals for their efforts, while Doy Demsick (119), Chris Hosey (125), Greg Musser (130) and Scott McKee (152) placed fourth.

Other Canton placers included Mike Siegert (135) and Shahein Rajee (160) who were fifth in their respective weight classes.

Bulldogs

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Dearborn, 63-59, in the Pioneer gym, which is not an east feat.

"Both teams played outstanding defense," remarked Dennard afterwards. "It was a big victory for us."

Walker again led all scorers as he carded 24 points. Art Harris and McGrew each chipped in with 11 points.

The Pioneers, down 18-17 after

Canton

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Churchill came back to tie the score at 33 at halftime.

Canton again jumped out to a seven point (50-43) point lead after three quarters only to see their advantage dissipate with Bennett's last shot in regulation.

Waidmann's 24 and Nether's 22 were tops for the Chiefs while Bennett walked off the floor with

the first period and 36-30 at half-time, stayed close until the final buzzer Tuesday night as the Pioneers received an outstanding effort from senior Scott Golem.

Golem sank 10 of his 21 points in the stretch, but the Pioneers never managed to grab the lead from the Bulldogs.

The Mega-White, as the other three divisions - Red, Blue and Gold wrap up the regular season Friday night and will begin the playoffs within the conference next week.

individual scoring honors. He had 31 for the Chargers.

Widmann and Nether combined for 42 of the Chiefs' 61 points in their triumph over Walled Lake Central. Central, which trailed most of the game after falling behind 17-14 and 33-24 the first two periods, received 19 points from Jamie Horn.

Before taking on Western in that title game Friday night, Canton was scheduled to host Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night.

Rockets end skid Glenn rips Franklin, falls to Farmington

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn gave a Parents' Night crowd something to cheer about last week. The Rockets turned back a Livonia Franklin team, 66-47, to end their six-game losing streak in the Western Lakes Conference.

However, on Friday, before a homecoming crowd, Glenn blew an 18-4 lead and fell to Farmington, 56-52.

Coach Mike Schuette's ball club, without the services of senior forward Eric Jones in both of these games, heads into the final week of conference competition with an anemic 3-11 overall record. They played at Farmington Hills Harrison on Tuesday and will bring down the regular season Friday night at North Farmington.

The WYAA playoffs will begin

Glenn found its way into the winning column as Franks scored the first 11 points to lead the Rockets to a 66-47 victory over the Patriots.

next week.

Against Farmington, the Rockets opened up with a barrage of threes as Brent Bogle and Michael Franks connected on two treys apiece that staked the hosts to an 18-4 lead. Farmington responded late in the quarter with baskets from junior guard Matt Mikel and Justin Milus that cut Glenn's lead to 18-8.

Farmington's "M & M" boys continued to apply the pressure as they sparked a 14-9 rally that cut the Rockets' lead to 27-22 at

Dorris wound up with 11. Mikel led Farmington with 15. Milus chipped in with 14 for Farmington (7-2) which remains in the thick of the conference title race.

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Up by seven (19-12) after one, the Westlanders got seven points from Chris Thauvete in the second period that moved the hosts up, 35-19, at halftime.

Glenn increased the margin by outscoring their visitors 19-11 in the third period which gave Schuette an opportunity to go to the bench at will. He managed to play crowd favorite Anthony Robinson.

Moton, who had a rim-shaking slam-dunk, had a game-high 16 points. Franks finished with 11 and Mike Goree had eight points.

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"Gun shy" makes job feel good

By SYBILLE MARR
MCN Movie Writer

No matter what you do on the job there is going to be stress. Stress from the relationship with your boss to the stress of your lunch order being wrong. Believe me there is going to be some sort of stress. In the recently released Hollywood Pictures film *Gun Shy* I think the DEA agent in the story is twenty times more stressed out than the rest of us, hands down.

Charlie, played by Liam Neeson, is a legend in his field. He has put tons of bad guys behind bars and have lived to tell about it. Yet after a confrontation with bad guys his partner is killed and he is put tortured to all extremities. Needless to say after surviving the whole ordeal he is in need of some rest, but there is no rest for the wicked as the saying goes. He must continue to try and land the crime boss behind the whole thing, all the while trying to push all his feelings and nightmares aside.

Basically Charlie is on the brink of a nervous breakdown and he is unable to stop it. He can't eat, he can't sleep, all he can do is walk around talking to himself and hoping after this one last job he can get out of the business.

He moves forward, but in fear. In fear that every waking moment he is undercover he is going to be discovered. At any given moment his mind might just snap and his cool persona will fizzle and he will be killed.

*This movie
has it's funny
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way.*

What could he do but go to someone for help, but who could he go to? His bosses already think he is nuts. Well what a better place for a nut to go to than a psychiatrist, right. So he begins sessions and it starts to help, and the drugs the doctor puts him on help a little more.

So the thing he now can focus on is his mission ahead. That of course is what just might, still, push him over. Charlie is up against Colombian drug lords, a Mafia hit man who is so crazy he would chop off his neighbor's hand for stealing a newspaper from his door step, and a Wall street broker that has more connections than them all.

This movie has its funny

points, in a sick and twisted way. Yet violence flows through this movie from beginning to end. So basically this is not one of those movies to jump into the family mini-van to go out and see, but for adult this is a fun and different movie.

With all the movies that we have seen in the past few months (the destruction of earth, ghosts speaking to children, cartoon mice dancing around, etc.) this is almost a refreshing taste of real life.

This movie happens to make you feel just a little better about your job. It makes you even want to crawl out of bed Monday morning and try to face the day.



Charlie (Neeson, second from right) does his noble best to maintain a facade of unflappable calm during nerve-jarring money laundering negotiations with psychotic mobsters (left to right) Estuio (Michael DeLorenzo), Fidel Vaillar (Jose Zzuniga) and Fulvio Nesstra (Oliver Platt).

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BAKER, TYRECE L.

Age 40 of Inkster. Passed away on December 30, 1999. Dear husband of Cheryl. Beloved father of Tyrece Jr. Stepfather of Chantel, son of Milton and Patricia. Survived by brothers, Gary and Marquell, sister Pamela, and Grandmother Estelle. Services were held on January 10, 2000 at Greater Hayes Cathedral. Arrangements by Penn Funeral.

BERRY, MAURICE J

Age 17 of Inkster. Passed away on December 22, 1999. He leaves behind his mother, Vira & Frank, Father Maurice Brown. Survived by brothers Maurice and Lashawnta, grandmother Rosia, and grandfather Maurice. Services were held on December 30, 1999 at Penn Funeral Home with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park.

BROWN, WILLIE LEE

Age 84 of Inkster. Passed away on December 25, 1999. Beloved mother of Johnnie Mae and Rosa Lee. Survived by 1 sister, 3 brothers, 19 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren. Services were held December 30, 1999 at Penn Funeral Home.

GALLOSKA, MARY LOU

Age 70 of Westland. Passed away January 15, 2000. Beloved sister of John Muskopt, and Emery(Jean) Muskopt. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

GASCOIGNE, AUBREY K.

Age 46 days old, of Westland. Passed away on January 20, 2000. Beloved daughter of Gregory and Jennifer. Survived by Grandparents James and Rhonda Jodlowsky, and Grandmother Beverly Gascoigne. Services were held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

HEAD, HAROLD F.

Age 83 of Plymouth. Passed away on January 17, 2000. Dear husband of Rita. Beloved father of Mary (Graham) Martin, Janet(Andy) Dale, Ellen Head, Harold(Laurelyn) Head, Nancy(Jay) Lodwick and John(Valerie) Head. Survived by 2 brothers. Services were held January 18, 2000 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

HOWARD ERVIN D.

Age 53 of Inkster. Passed away on December 15, 1999. Beloved father of Earlene, Monroe, Lucretia and Dalon. Survived by 4 grandchildren, 4 sisters, 2 brothers, and a close friend Mary Johnson. Services were held at Nehemiah Word of Faith. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

HUNTER, PHILIP

Age 86, of Canton. Passed away on January 16, 2000. Dear husband of Ruby. Beloved father of Edwin(Peggy) Hunter and Paul(Diana) Hunter. Survived by 3 brothers, 1 sister, 4 stepsons, 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Services were held January 18, 2000 at Uht Funeral Home, with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland.

JOHNSON, WALTER

Age 90 of Romulus. Passed away on December 30, 1999. Beloved father of Lorene, Elizabeth, Rosie, and Nehemiah. Survived by a friend Elenor, Alexander, 28 grandchildren, 66 great grandchildren, 18 great, great grandchildren. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home.

JONES NATHANIEL

Age 58 of Inkster. Passed away on December 23, 1999. Beloved brother of Juanita, Aletha, William, and Dewitt. Services were held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

KRAUDEL, LUCILLE M.

Age 73 of Westland. Beloved mother of Dawn Deel, Anthony, Cheryl, and Joseph. Survived by 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandmother, 1 stepmother, and 1 sister. Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

LEWIS, BERNICE

Age 62 of Inkster. Passed away on December 29, 1999. Beloved sister of Willie B. Florence, Rose, Dorothy, Maeola, Lucy, Lecy, Daisy, Richard, Oscar, and George. Services were held at Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

LUCIA, MARIA

Age 35 of Westland. Passed away on January 6, 2000. Dearest daughter of Anthony. Beloved sister of Mario. Survived by fiancé Larry Toigo. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at S. Hedwig Cemetery.

MAREK, PETER S.

Age 81, of Wayne. Passed away on January 15, 2000. Dear husband of Lillian. Beloved father of Ronald(Lisa) Marek, Gail(Tom) Rigley, Gerald(Jill) Marek, and Brian Marek. Survived by 1 brother Walter and sister Ann. Services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MARTIN, ORA S

Age 58 of Inkster. Passed away on December 20, 1999. Dear husband of Mary. Services were held at Greater Grace Temple in Taylor. Arrangements by Penn Funeral.

MAURER, PHYLLIS J.

Age 73 of Canton. Passed away on January 9, 2000. Beloved father of Leah (Robert) Hintz. Survived by 1 brother Donald(Vivian) Markle. services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at United Memorial GArden in Plymouth.

MIKKOLA, PATRICIA

Age 56 of Livonia. Passed away January 6, 2000. Dearest wife of Keith, Beloved mother of Andrew and Amber. Survived by brothers William, Ronald, and Daniel. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

MOORE, WESLEY G.

Age 58 of Westland. Passed away January 6, 2000. Beloved father of Daniel, Esther, and stepfather of Luanne. Survived by 4 sisters, 2 brothers, and 3 grandchildren. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

NEAL, JAMES

Age 59 of Inkster. Passed away on December 20, 1999. Dear husband of Ida. Beloved father of Jacklyn Moore. Survived by 1 granddaughter, 1 godson, and 4 stepchildren. Services were held at Assembly of God with interment at Westlawn Cemetery West. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

O'BRIEN, PAULINE

Age 87 of Belleville. Passed away on January 20, 2000. Beloved mother of MaryAnn(John) Helzerman, Kathryn(Tom) Smalley, Barbara Brender, Albert O'Brien and Harvey(Margo) O'Brien. Survived by 1 sister, 1 brother, 14 grandchildren, and 11 great great grandchildren. Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with interment at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

O'DONNELL, BRIAN P

Age 18 of Westland. Passed away on January 15, 2000. Dear son of Patrick and Janet. Beloved brother of Andrew. Services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ROHDE, TRESSA H.

Age 88 of Romulus. Passed away December 27, 1999. Dearest wife of Charles. Beloved mother of Anthony (Grace) Rohde, Mrs. John (Marge) Buehner, Chuck Rohde Jr., David (Teresa) Rohde, Gary and Larry Rohde. Survived by 14 grandchildren. Services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home.

ROSE, MADGE J.

Age 75 of Sumpter Township. Passed away on January 5, 2000. Beloved mother of Madge(Edward) Morree, and Timothy(Noreen) Rose. Survived by 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and a companion of many,many years Claude Foreman. Creamation rites were accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

SCHULTZ, CLARANCE R.

Age 82 of Belleville. Passed away on January 10, 2000. Survived by nephew Paul Kolver, and niece Eileen Fry. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

SCHULTZ, EDWARD P.

Age 80 of Wayne. Passed away Monday, January 3, 2000 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born January 15, 1919 in Plymouth, MI, the son of Waiter and Mary (Purol) Schultz. He entered the military in 1941, serving in the East Indies, New Guinea and the S. Philippines during World War II before being honorable discharged in 1945. Eddie worked for Burroughs Inc. (Unisys) for 31 years, retiring in 1977. For many years he was an avid golfer and won many awards and trophies. In later years, Eddie participated in horse-shoe pitching, winning numerous tournaments and state titles in MI and FL. In

1998, he was inducted into the MI Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame. Eddie was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church since October 1968. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth (Grosshans), and one sister, Helen A. Brehmer of Sun City, CA; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters. The funeral service was January 7, 2000 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Jan Marvar officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or American Heart Association would be appreciated.

SCIBA, CAROL

Age 57, of Plymouth. Passed away on December 26, 1999. Dearest wife of James. Beloved Mother of Darryl (Sharon), Dewayne (Bonnie), and Diane (Craig). Survived by 1 sister and 5 grandchildren. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

SCOTT, RUTHIE MAE

Age 74 of Inkster. Passed away on December 26, 1999. Beloved mother of Milton, Milford, Gregory, Juan, Jancey, Katherine, and Kathleen. Survived by 2 sisters, 2 brothers, 20 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and a special

friend Pearlma Mae Childs. Services were held at Greater First Missionary Baptist Church with interment at Westlawn Cemetery. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

SLATTON, JACK G.

Age 67 of Westland. Passed away December 27, 1999. Dearest husband of Sharon. Beloved father of Chris Johnson, Lori (Brock) Halbiesen, Tracy (Frank) Raff, Kirk Chapo, and Melissa Chapo. Survived by 1 brother, 1 sister and 7 grandchildren. Services were held at St. Richard Catholic Church with interment at Our Lady of Hope, Wyandotte. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

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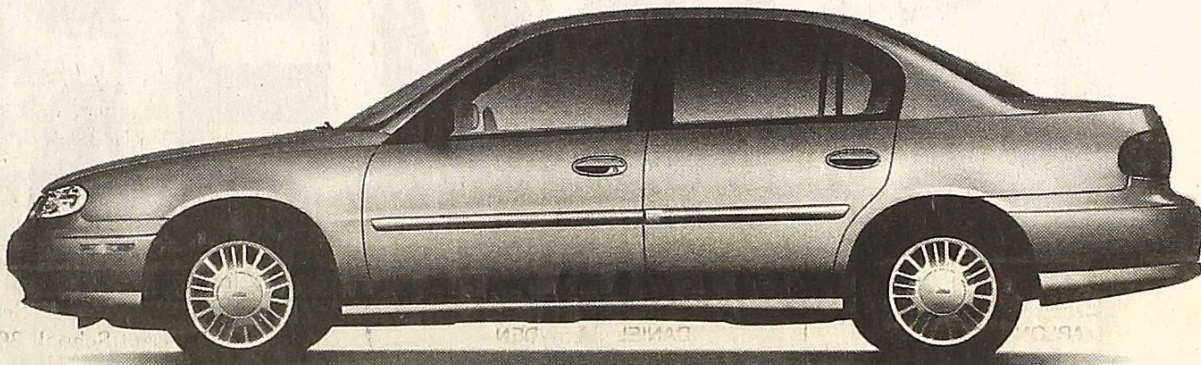
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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 from 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the evening, Prevailing Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of voting on candidates for the following office:

PRIMARY FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

and the following proposals:

PROPOSAL 1

Shall Section 13.1 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Limitations," be amended to increase from \$5,000 to \$20,000, the amount of contracts for the performance of any public works which may be entered into by the City without first advertising for sealed bids, provided that after the year 2000, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor or a similar index.

PROPOSAL 2

Shall Section 13.2 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Material Purchases," be amended to increase from \$750 to \$3,000, the amount of any contracts for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus or any other things which may be entered into the City without first advertising for sealed bids, provided that after the year 2000, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor or a similar index.

PROPOSAL 3

Shall section 13.3 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Specifications," be amended to increase from \$1,000 to \$4,000, the amount of any public improvement contracts which may be entered into by the City without drawings, profiles and estimates being submitted to City Council and approved by it prior to commencement, provided that after the year 2000, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor or a similar index.

PROPOSAL 4

Shall Section 13.4(a) of Chapter XIII of the City Charter, be amended to increase from \$1,000 to \$4,000, the amount of any contracts for any public improvements or for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus, or any thing or things which may be entered into by the City without first obtaining approval by a majority of Council, provided that after the year 2000, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor or a similar index.

PROPOSAL 5

Shall Section 13.4(a) of the Romulus City Charter entitled "Approval of Contracts; Review; Appropriation," be amended to eliminate the requirement that all bids be accompanied by a bid bond of five (5) percent of the bid, and replaced with a provision that required all contracts for public improvements, be accompanied by a performance and material bond in the amount of the contract.

Each person voting on the above must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America.
- A registered elector of the City of Romulus.
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct

Location

- Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
- Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
- Lorena Burton Building, 35403 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
- Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
- Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
- Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
- Lorena Burton Building, 35403 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
- Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt Road, Romulus, Michigan
- Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
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Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653a of the Michigan Elections Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: February 13, 2000
February 17, 2000

Motorama spotlight hot rods

By DON NICHOLSON
MCN Special Writer

The first Motorama seems to have been a success. The promoters are already planning to make it an Annual event.

This show gave fans a wide variety of race machines from street rods to snowmobiles to motorcycles. Everything for the motor enthusiast.

It is nice to see more shows in the Motor City. For years all the car buffs and race fans have been asking for more in the way of Automotive entertainment.

The Novi Expo center did a great job with the First Annual Motorama. A few sponsors will only help make this an even better show in the future.

They also have another Car show coming up the end of April. The RM Classic Car show. I will let you know more as we get closer to the show date.

The show of all custom and race car enthusiasts is coming to town, Au-

torama is just over a week away. Feb. 25th to the 27th at Cobo Hall. Three days of bench racing and seeing old cruise friends from last summer.

I know from past experience, people will be under their cars now cleaning them before the show. Most of these cars are cleaner than the average car on the road as a daily driver, but they still go through a cleaning like a doctor's office gets before surgery.

Let me know if you are going to have a car or bike in the show and maybe we can get you a little coverage.

Milan Dragway opens the Gates April Fools Day with test and tune, and a gamblers race on April 2.

Please let me know if you have any info on car shows, cruise nights, races or anything to do with the local car owners. I am also looking for models to pose with cars. Call me with info at 734-658-5296 or e-mail me at MasterPhoto@aol.com.

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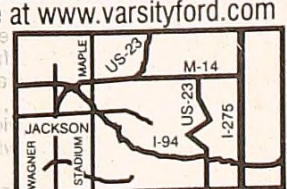
1994 PROBE SE Automatic, Sun Roof, Power Windows, Power Lock, LOADED, SHARP!! #41515, ONLY \$4,995	1999 EXPLORER 4x4 4 DR. CD, Air, Cruise, Power Windows, Locks and Seats, Factory Aluminum Wheels. #40893 \$365/mo... ONLY \$24,500	This Weeks Special 1999 MUSTANG GT CONVERTIBLES Auto, Power Windows, Power Locks Loaded, Low Miles, 14 to Choose From. \$399mo... WAS 24,995 ONLY \$22,995		1999 ESCORT SE 15,000 Miles, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, PL., PW., Like New! and Many Other Options. #40734 \$136/mo... ONLY \$9,995	1998 F-150 SUPER CAB 4X4 V-8, SRW, Factory Aluminum Wheels, Loaded. Only 22,000 Miles. Like New!! #41227 \$339/mo...
1993 TAURUS SHO Automatic, Loaded W/Power Options, Leather Interior, Power Moon, Like New!! Sharp!!! #41493 ONLY \$6,995	1999 ESCORT SE Cassette, Automatic, Air, PW., PL., Loaded! Only 17,000 miles. #41619 \$139/mo... ONLY \$9,995	1999 FORD WINDSTAR LX Privacy Glass, Roof Rack, Loaded. Factory Aluminum Wheels, Low Miles 18 to Choose From \$269mo... WAS 19,995 ONLY \$17,995		1997 F-250 XL 4x4 w/PLOW Only 36,000 miles. #41609 \$326/mo... ONLY \$18,995	1999 RANGER SUPER CAB 4x4 Off Road Package, Like New. \$249/mo... ONLY \$17,995
1997 F-250 XLT SC Diesel, CD, Auto, Air, Low Miles, PL., PW., Factory Alum. Wheels, Loaded! Sharp!! #40392 ONLY \$22,995	1995 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4 RIO GRAND Automatic, Cassette, Super Nice!!! Low Miles. #41666 ONLY \$8,995	1999 RANGER SC 4x4 Cass., Cruise Control, PW., PL., Loaded!!! Low Miles! #41142 \$246/mo... ONLY \$17,995		1997 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS V-8, Full Power, Air. #39004 ONLY \$15,995	1998 ESCORT ZX2 HOT Cassette, Air, Spoiler! Only 14,000 Miles! Sharp!! #41764 \$125/mo... ONLY \$8,995
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	1998 ESCORT ZX2 HOT "Loaded With Power Options", Spoiler!! Only 21,663 miles. #41127 \$188/mo... ONLY \$10,995			1999 MERCURY SABLE GS Cass., Power Seat, Factory Aluminum Wheels, Only 20,000 Miles! Like New. #41754 \$179/mo... ONLY \$12,995	

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Stk. #100069

Was \$19,655

GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles	Non-GMS PURCHASE	Non-GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles
\$16,428 ⁰⁰	\$245 ⁴⁹ /mo.*	\$17,196 ⁷³	\$269 ⁰² /mo.*
#18492	#18492	#18493	#18493



NEW 2000 PONTIAC Sunfire GT Convertible

Air, auto, power accessories, keyless entry, spoiler, 15" alloy wheels, convertible, cruise control, ABS, traction control, AM/FM stereo with CD, 36 mo./36,000 miles warranty.

Stk. #10043

Was \$22,355

GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles	Non-GMS PURCHASE	Non-GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles
\$17,574 ²⁸	\$268 ⁶⁹ /mo.*	\$18,784 ²⁴	\$308 ¹⁴ /mo.*
#18494	#18494	#18495	#18495



NEW 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix SE

Air, auto, power accessories, 16" alloy wheels, AM/FM stereo w/CD, cruise control, ABS, 36 mo./36,000 mile warranty.

Stk. #N2343

Was \$21,490

GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles	Non-GMS PURCHASE	Non-GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles
\$18,071 ⁰⁰	\$253 ⁶³ /mo.*	\$18,904 ²³	\$278 ¹⁴ /mo.*
#18501	#18501	#18502	#18502



NEW 2000 BUICK Century Millennium Edition!

Air, auto, cruise control, power seat, power accessories, heated mirrors, AM/FM stereo w/cass., 15" alloy wheels, ABS, Millennium badging, 36 mo./36,000 mile warranty.

Stk. #B2147

Was \$21,472

GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles	Non-GMS PURCHASE	Non-GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles
\$17,745 ⁰⁷	\$270 ⁶⁷ /mo.*	\$18,576 ⁰⁹	\$296 ⁸³ /mo.*
#18503	#18503	#18504	#18504



NEW 2000 BUICK REGAL LS

Air, auto, 15" alloy wheels, power seat, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, ABS, power accessories, 3800 Series II, V-6, 36 mo./36,000 mile warranty.

Stk. #200010

Was \$23,992

GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles	Non-GMS PURCHASE	Non-GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles
\$20,071 ²⁸	\$276 ⁷⁰ /mo.*	\$20,926 ³⁰	\$301 ⁸⁷ /mo.*
#18505	#18505	#18506	#18506



NEW 2000 BUICK PARK AVENUE

Air, auto, 16" alloy wheels, power seat, leather interior, keyless entry, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, cruise control, power accessories, climate control, 36 mo./36,000 mi. warranty.

Stk. #B2090

Was \$33,295

GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles	Non-GMS PURCHASE	Non-GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles
\$27,176 ⁰³	\$387 ⁶⁵ /mo.*	\$28,318 ²⁸	\$422 ⁰⁰ /mo.*
#18507	#18507	#18508	#18508



NEW 2000 GMC JIMMY SLE

Air, auto, 4 WD, power accessories, ABS, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, alloy wheels, Vortec V-6, 36 mo./36,000 mile warranty.

Stk. #300119

Was \$29,463

GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles	Non-GMS PURCHASE	Non-GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles
\$23,849 ⁰⁴	\$310 ⁸² /mo.*	\$25,106 ⁴⁸	\$349 ⁴⁹ /mo.*
#18524	#18524	#18525	#18525



NEW 2000 GMC SONOMA EXTENDED CAB

Air, auto, 3rd door, ABS, alloy wheels, AM/FM stereo w/CD, cruise control, tachometer.

Stk. #2535

Was \$18,604

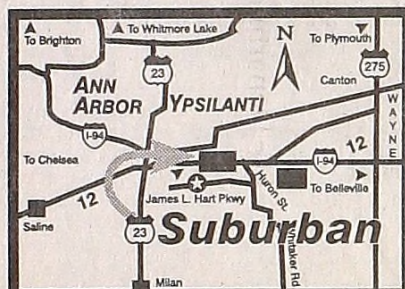
GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles	Non-GMS PURCHASE	GMS Lease 36 mo./36,000 miles
\$14,519 ⁰⁶	\$157 ⁷⁰ /mo.*	\$15,342 ⁴²	\$183 ²⁰ /mo.*
#18526	#18526	#18527	#18527



NEW 2000 GMC SIERRA 3500

Air, auto, 6.5L Turbo Diesel, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, trans cooler, power locks.

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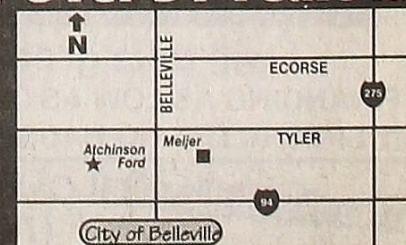
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